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Our 113th Year

Senior-center group: We can't fund Will Hall alone

By Rebecca Piro

Are the chances of privately raising $4 million for a senior center by June 2002 next to zero?

A group of town officials and senior representatives says yes.

For the first time in four years, a pro-senior-center group admitted that the promise the Friends of Andover Seniors made in 1996 – to raise all $4 million to turn Will Hall into a new senior center – is next to impossible, at least by the deadlines in the Will Hall lease agreement.

Friday was the second meeting where both private and public representatives gathered to talk openly and honestly about the project and its challenges.

"The likelihood of raising (the $4 million) fully privately is just about zero," said resident Richard Bowen.

"If you're talking cash in hand, in 16 months, there's no chance," agreed Dallas Dickinson, campaign director for fundraising consultant Butcher, Nolan & Briggs.

To date, the Friends group has raised less than $1 million, including $500,000 given by residents at 1997 Town Meeting to jump-start the project.

But the group has not given up on private fundraising, says Selectmen Chairman Brian Major. He says the intention is to explore every alternative to fund the project. The group supports the Town Meeting warrant article Bowen submitted, proposing that the Friends raise $2 million and the town match those funds. That plan's chance of getting approved by Town Meeting in April is approximately 80 percent, the group agreed.

But no matter how much public funding the group wants, the Friends group still has to explain to Town Meeting that it cannot make good on its promise to pay for it all with purely private funds. "Going fully public means having to admit that what you told Town Meeting the last two times didn't fly," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

In 1997, the town gave

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Would financial gift affect youth center effort?

In supporting the $2 million article for the senior center effort at Will Hall, residents must also consider what public aid for the senior-center project could do to other town projects — such as the youth-center effort, said Andover Youth Foundation fundraiser Tom Jones at a recent meeting.

The youth-center project, which proposes to build a youth facility on town land with private funds, was passed last November at Special Town Meeting. AYF members pledged to raise all $4 million privately. But if the town hands a good chunk of money to seniors, private donations for the youth

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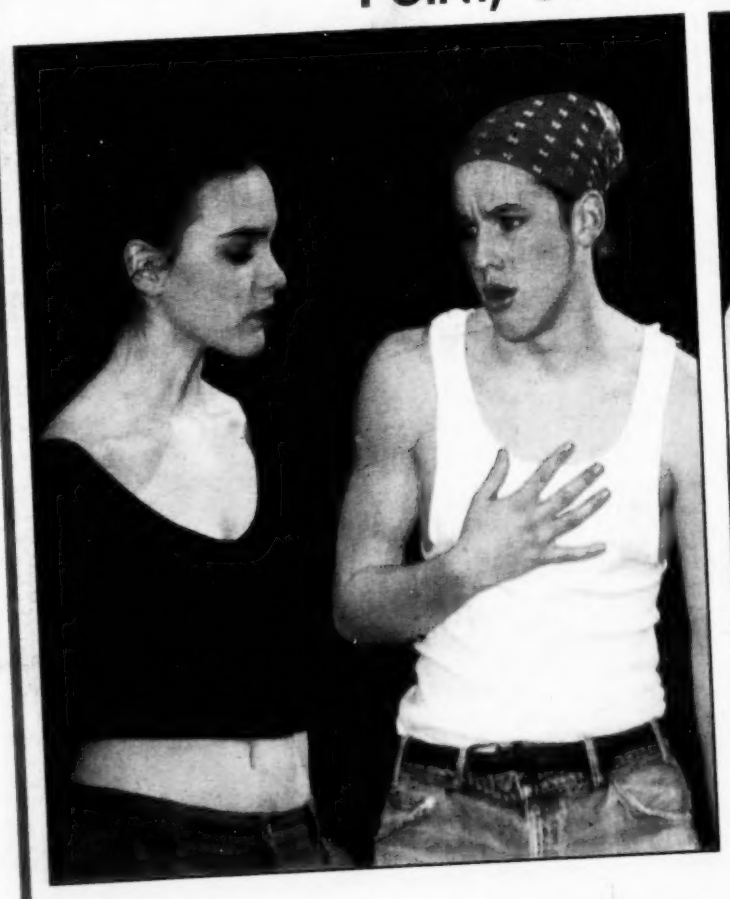

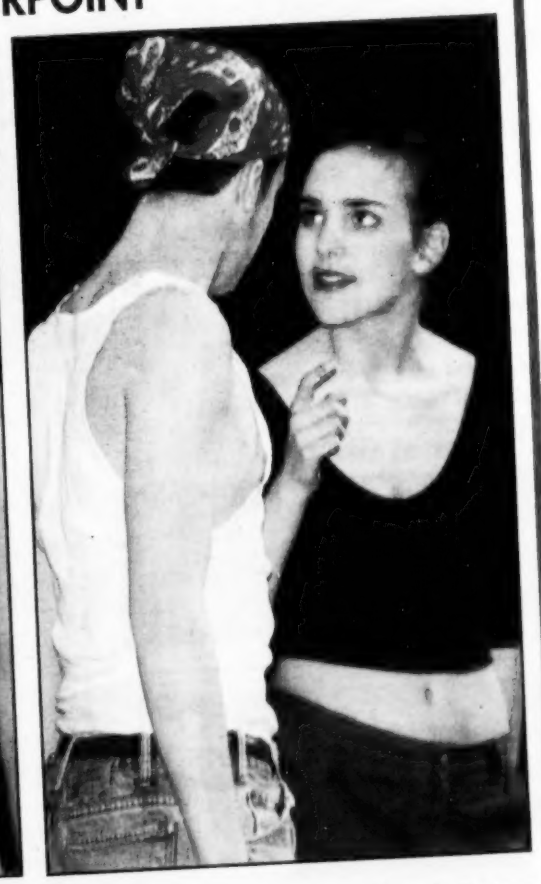

Photos by Tim Jean

Electric performances — Laura Espy and Pat Dolan will play Electra and Aegisthus when the first round of a high school drama festival rolls into the Collins Center on Saturday. Page 19.

Middle-aged need not apply

Police and fire's new standard

By Rebecca Piro

Any resident of Andover in their mid-30s might consider themselves in the prime of life. But that doesn't mean the Andover police or fire departments want them as new employees.

'The notion that Brian Major, at the age of 35, couldn't apply to be a policeman or fireman is unsettling."

— Brian Major, Selectmen chairman

If Town Meeting approves Article 17, residents will agree to exclude individuals 32 years and older from taking the Civil Service exam to join the Andover fire or police forces.

Created by the Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Article 17 is meant to protect the $70 million in retirement funds for those who rightfully earn them by working decades for the town, says board member Jim Edholm. The way the law reads today, a person who is close to retiring could join the Fire Academy, work as a firefighter for one day, and retire with a better pension package than he or she might have received with a lower paying job,

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A man and his youth are parted

There been no love lost between one selectman and the Andover Youth Foundation — but that's meant in a good way.

Some might have wondered why Selectmen Chairman Brian Major walked out of the room two weeks ago when the board voted to accept Andover Youth Foundation's proposal to construct a youth center in West Andover.

Major, who at one time was an AYF board member before the foundation was formalized, had abandoned his membership some time ago to prevent a conflict of interest. But that night, his name was still on some of AYF's stationary.

To correct the issue, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski took time out of Monday night's selectmen meeting to declare that Major is not a foundation member. AYF President Larry Larsen mailed a letter Tuesday to Stapczynski to explain the error.

"I want it to be a matter of record that he is not a member of the AYF board," says Larsen. "It's not that we don't love Brian, but he can't do it."

— Rebecca Piro

Moving history

The "Andover Historical on the Move Project," encompasses the expansion and refurbishment of the Andover Historical Society facilities and the relocation of two historic farm outbuildings. The status of the preservation process will be discussed today, Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Amos Blanchard House, 97 Main St.

Executive director Barbara Thibault will summarize the project through a slide presentation. Current proposals for future plans of the Andover Historical Society will be presented for discussion. The public is welcome.

Can't count on some people

It appears that nearly a quarter of all Andover residents are not ready to stand and be counted.

The annual town census for 2001 was mailed to residents in January, and the town clerk's office reported a 77-percent return as of last week.

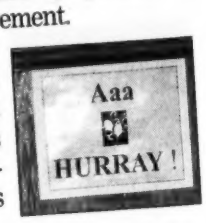
The 2001 census form will indicate if a resident is a registered voter in the town and his or her party affiliation. Residents may not register to vote or change their party designation on the census forms. Those who are not registered voters may request mail-in voter registration forms.

Town Clerk Randy Hanson, in her effort to get more people to return the forms, notes in a release that "the census is important for school enrollment planning, the voting list, and the maintenance of updated statistics. And, the current population count is the basis for allocation of state and federal funds." Call the town clerk's office for more information at 623-8200.

Bond, Aaa bond

What is Andover's reaction to its Aaa bond rating? "Hurray!"

A yellow and blue sign tacked to the podium in the selectmen's conference room cheerily proclaims the town's achievement.



It's one of two signs that Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has hung to celebrate Andover's recent upgrade.

Back in December, Moody's Investors Service bumped up Andover's bond rating from Aa1 to Aaa, the highest possible rating. The new rate is a sign that investors are confident in Andover's financial state and its ability to pay its debts.

Andover is now shouting its achievement from the rooftops. Well, a large banner strung along the top of Town Offices' front door proclaims the achievement anyway. "It's just to give everybody a pat on the back for all their hard work," says Stapczynski.

— R.P.

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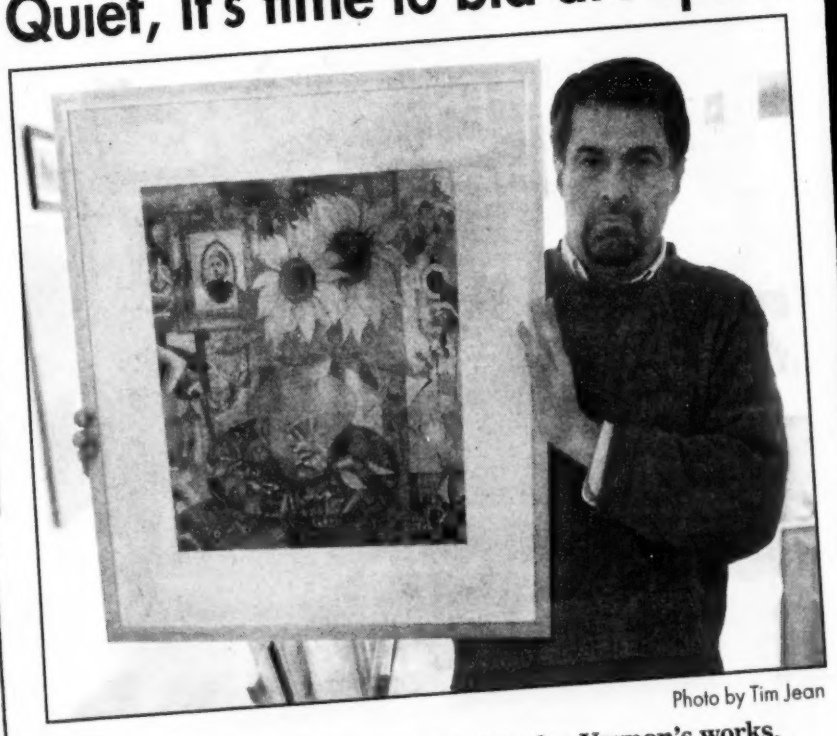

Photo by Tim Jean

Owner Peter Alpers with one of Alejandra Vernon's works.

Beginning today, Alpers Fine Art located at 2 Main St., will be hosting a two-week silent auction. The auction will showcase 16 mixed-media collages by the artist Alejandra Vernon of Newburyport.

Vernon is a self-taught artist who has been working in collage and watercolor for over 40 years and has earned the credentials of Copley Artist, an award given by the Copley Society of Boston.

Vernon's artistic inspirations stem from Russian icons, 14th-century Italian paintings, and the artistic work of Paul Klee, according to the gallery.

"Her larger works often have several hundred pieces of paper collaged together, and she (Vernon) has estimated that those larger pieces will take her roughly 200 hours to complete," says Peter Alpers, owner of Alpers Fine Arts.

The auction will begin today, March 1, at 11 a.m. and will end on Wednesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. For more information call Alpers Fine Art at 470-0013.

— Amy McGovern

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News In Brief

Congressman Meehan to speak on schools

US Congressman Marty Meehan will host a town meeting on education at Memorial Hall Library on Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m. He plans to discuss a variety of issues regarding education. The meeting is open to all residents.

Town caucus for Dems

The caucus to elect delegates to the Democratic state convention will take place in Andover on Thursday, March 8 at Andover Town Offices, second floor. Registration for the caucus will open at 7 p.m. and close at 7:30 sharp. The state convention will be on June 2 in Springfield, Mass. Andover will elect eight male and eight female delegates. Also elected will be three male and three female alternates. Democrats currently registered to vote in Andover are invited to attend and participate in the caucus.

A brief business meeting of the Andover Democratic Town Committee will take place upon the adjournment of the caucus. Both the Caucus and the ADTC are open to the public, according to the town committee.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: Andover students still complain about the quality of school food, and many parents are concerned that too many unhealthful choices are offered. What one change do you think should be made in the food offered in schools?

Thirteen out of 28 respondents, almost half, said, "Improve the quality overall." Six said, "Get rid of the racks of snack chips offered in every school," while no one voted for "Make more vegetables available." A quarter of respondents, however, said "There is no point in making changes; kids will complain no matter what you give them." Two people said "No change is necessary. What is offered now is adequate."

This week's question is:

The Andover Contributory Retirement Board has submitted a town meeting warrant article suggesting age 32 as the upper age limit for joining the Andover fire or police departments, to avoid people joining the departments later in life just to be eligible for the attractive pension. Do you support this idea?

To vote, surf over to <www.andover-townsman.com>.

LWV: Education discussion, Cole scholarship

"Financing Massachusetts Education Reform: Where's the Money?" is the subject of a public forum on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m., at Andover's Memorial Hall Library, sponsored by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Andover/North Andover.

The panel of speakers includes Andover School Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach, North Andover School Committee member Diane Huster, State Sen. Sue Tucker, State Rep. David Torrisi and Mary Frantz, education finance specialist of the LWV of Massachusetts and member of the state's Foundation Budget Review Commission.

The panel members will review the financial impact of Education Reform from their various perspectives and suggest improvements. The forum will address how this topic relates specifically to schools in the Andovers.

An informed panel discussion on Education Reform funding is particularly timely now, states Maria Bartlett, local LWV president, since the legislation that currently funds Massachusetts Education Reform will expire in June. How the Legislature resolves this issue of financing Education Reform will significantly affect local budgets and the quality of local education, she says.

Scholarship in Cole's memory

Andover High senior girls are eligible to apply now for the first Virginia H. Cole Scholarship Award, created by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover in memory of "one woman who made a difference" in the Andover community. The purpose of the $500 scholarship award is to recognize a young woman graduating from Andover High School who has demonstrated the ideals of the league, according to a release.

"The League's guiding principle is the promotion of political responsibility though informed and active participation of citizens in government. With this award, the local LWV pays affectionate tribute to Jinny Cole as guiding light and exemplar for more than 50 years in the League and the Andover community," it says. "Any eligible female student demonstrating this principle through volunteer work in government, education, environmental protection or other such endeavors in the Greater Lawrence area will be considered for the scholarship award."

Applications are available from the guidance department at Andover High or at the library and must be returned by April 1. They ask the applicant to describe an experience that shows she has made a difference in the community. Letters of recommendation from two different persons are required, one demonstrating volunteer experience within the school and the other demonstrating community service outside the school.

Jinny Cole was a selectmen, and School and Finance committee member.

News Calendar

Thursday, March 1

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 6:30 p.m. with regular Zoning Board of Appeals meeting following at 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Strategic Planning Task Force, third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Selectmen, senior center sub-committee, third-floor conference room, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 5

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Doherty Middle School Council, McGrail Media Center, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. *Televised.*

Tuesday, March 6

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Board of Registrars, town clerk's office, 5 p.m.

School Building Committee, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, second-floor room, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

School Committee, selectmen, selectmen's conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Design Advisory Committee, first-floor conference room, 8 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

"This represents a very minimal and perhaps no improvement (over the current budget). It is the minimal cost of providing a decent education for our students, and it is well worth defending."

School Superintendent Claudia Bach on the budget approved by the School Committee Tuesday night, which is about $1.1 million higher than the school budget proposed by the town manager. (Story, page 15.)

"What I hear you all saying is that you would like your fifth-graders to graduate and go to middle school with their friends. But we can't do that everywhere."

Redistricting Task Force member Annette Grams responding to parental concerns at Monday night's task force meeting. (Story, page 11.)

"Monday, Feb. 26 – At 11:58 a.m., an officer responded to Verizon on Shattuck Road regarding a suspicious package that was delivered there. The package was filled with stuffed animals."

Police log entry (page 17).

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Safety: pensions for long-term workers

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he says.

There are plenty of health and community well-being reasons to support the article as well, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. "It's just not practical for someone to come in here at 50, 55," he says. "You get some people... that are fit and could do the job, but you have an awful lot that aren't. Firefighting really is a young person's job."

"I would be in favor of (the article)," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. Not only is police work physically demanding and a better fit for a younger person, but he says that the attempt to protect retirement funds is an example of fiscal responsibility.

Murnane admits that he is in his 50s – yet he says he does not believe that Article 17 is discriminatory. People who enter the force before they are 32 have time for their bodies to adjust to the rigors of firefighting or police work, he says. Out of the town's 72 firefighters, at least one third of them are 32 or younger, and the ones that are older than that began when they were under 32.

"They've come along in adjusting to the transition, the trauma, the excitement," says Murnane, a firefighter for almost 30 years. "Their bodies are more capable of accepting it than a guy coming in for the first time in his 40s."

"I came on the job at 21, and I'm glad I did," says Deputy Albert DelDotto Jr. "I can't imagine coming on the job at 35."

This type of legislation is not new. The town enforced an age of 32 years and older regarding new police and fire hires until a few years ago, when the state retracted the law. Many communities were upset with the decision, and so the state left the decision in the hands of the communities, says Fire Lt. Jim Cuticchia, retirement board chairman.

"If the town is going to invest in someone, there needs to be some consideration for the return in that investment," he says. If an older firefighter who had not put in his or her due time on the force was permanently disabled on the job, that person would be entitled to a disability pension from the town, regardless their length of service, he says.

The town will spend tens of thousands of dollars prepping a firefighter for work between training and equipment, says Cuticchia. "It becomes part of who you are. It's not something that you pop into for four or five years and then get out of."

Some middle-aged individuals are in better physical shape than others, Cuticchia admits. But Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, who will decide with the selectmen next month whether to support the article, doesn't like that those individuals are overlooked.

"The notion that Brian Major, at the age of 35, couldn't apply to be a policeman or fireman is unsettling," he says. "You're unilaterally discriminating against a population of individuals just because of their age."

But Article 17 supporters say that it's better to exclude a few for the well-being of many. Courts have ruled that discrimination does not apply in this case, says Cuticchia, because fire and police jobs are so unique.

"We're not trying to target anyone. We have to look at it from the larger picture," he says.

Police can afford to take the liberties of excluding some individuals, says Pattullo. There are plenty of candidates under 32 that are willing to come to Andover. Murnane agrees, adding that the list of people between 19 and 32 who have passed the Civil Service exam is always lengthy.

Photo by Tim Jean

Andover police and fire have taken on new, young employees in recent years, including Ian Timmis, Garrett Ferris and Ryan Beal, who went to Andover High together.

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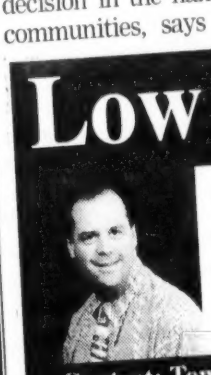

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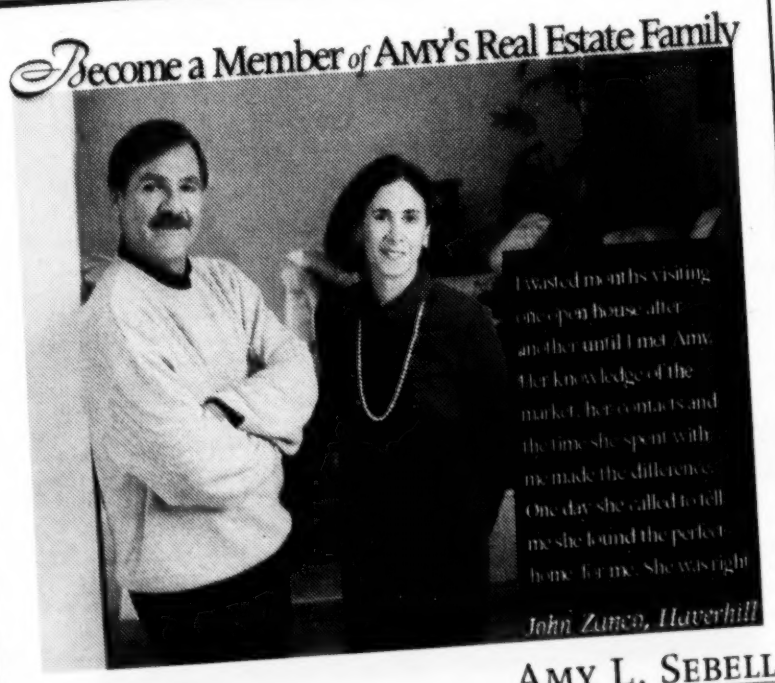

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Senior group discussions

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$500,000 to the senior center project as seed money with the understanding – written right into the article – that the Friends would raise the rest of the $4 million privately. The Friends repeated that promise two years later when the town signed the lease with PA for Will Hall. Using only public funds for the project would be to admit that the Friends could not raise the money.

This particular group of town and senior representatives still has to decide exactly how much it will ask for from Town Meeting. The group agreed that there is a 50-percent chance that residents would decide to resort to public funding entirely; however, since this year's Town Meeting warrant is already closed, the Friends would probably have to make such a request at a later date – possibly at next year's Town Meeting, said Major.

That means that the project would be pushed out a year, but it would still fall within Phillips Academy's deadline of June 2002, when the town must have all the money in hand.

Before the group makes a decision, Marden will return to the group's next public meeting, Friday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the third-floor conference room, with numbers that show how public-funding options could affect the budget and taxes.

AYF effect

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center could falter, said Jones.

Senior-center supporters have said from the beginning that they support the youth-center project. Resident Richard Bowen, proponent of the $2 million article, does not disagree with that statement; however, he says that the town has a moral "responsibility" to provide the seniors with an adequate senior center. If it is possible to fund both senior and youth center projects with public funds – and Bowen does believe that residents can afford that – then the town should hand over the money willingly. But if it comes down to one or the other, "then history suggests that the senior center should take priority over the youth center," Bowen says. "The seniors have been working and trying (for a new center) for 13 or 14 years. The youth... haven't been waiting in line."

Jones, who agreed that the town has a moral responsibility to its seniors, called the situation a "two-edged sword."

"I think it's a matter of pride, or a lack of it," said Council on Aging Chairwoman Dorothy Bresnahan, also present at the meeting. Every town in a radius of 30 miles from Andover has a town-funded senior center, she said.

"I think that every one of us believes that we have a significant responsibility to our seniors," said Selectman Mary French.

Read Across America... and 'Ham'

You might not like green eggs and ham, but maybe you wouldn't mind reading about them to your child. That is the message this Thursday and Friday on the third annual Read Across America celebration in honor of the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2.

Theodor Geisel, or Dr. Seuss, has been famous for half a century for his colorful stories that teach rhyming and alliteration. The Read Across America program, started by the National Education Association, is this year titled "Oh, The Places You'll Go," after a Seuss book.

"It's tied in to the idea that every child should read and every adult should read with a child," said Sondra Finegold, coordinator of the event in Andover and a learning disabilities specialist at West Elementary. For the past three years, Finegold has donned her Cat in the Hat hat and slippers and appeared before the selectmen and the School Committee to promote the event.

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Parking solution longer, more expensive than first thought

By Rebecca Piro

At least a few commuters struggling to park at Ballardvale's train station each day could find relief soon in a handful of extra spots at the Faith Lutheran church lot. The only catch is that those commuters will have to go the extra mile – or 8.5 miles, in this case.

Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Authority has suggested a shuttle-bus route to transport commuters to and from Faith Lutheran and the station, says MVRTA administrator Joe Costanzo.

The Faith Lutheran lot, one of two that serve the church, is already utilized by Mass. Bay Transit Authority commuters during the week. Years ago, the town, MBTA and the church chipped in to build the bigger of the two lots to create extra spaces for both the church and the MBTA.

In November, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major suggested that commuters could park in the 30 to 50 unused spaces at the church lot, and hop the bus for a 10-minute drive to catch the train.

The route would begin at the church, take a left onto Phillips Street, turn onto Abbot Street, then Woburn Street, and finally Andover Street where the station is located. Ballardvale Road, the more direct route, is too "twisty" for a big bus, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has said.

Costanzo's proposal is a 17-mile round trip. "It's a little bit longer, but a much safer route," he says.

Some residents returning home on the train last Thursday said they believe that those 10 extra minutes aren't worth the headache. They say the transportation-mode switch simply means that commuters need to get up that much earlier.

Photo by Tim Jean

Filled to the rim — Spaces are at a premium at the Ballardvale lot, prompting the MBTA to consider running a shuttle bus.

Then there's the cost factor. This proposal is more expensive than the original $1 fee per person that Costanzo originally projected, though he declined to go into details this week. "If people want to relieve the crunch, it's a way to do it," he says.

Costanzo is proposing multiple shuttle trips per day to give commuters flexibility, especially when coming home from work. Buses could run potentially every half hour during peak commuter times, he says. And of course, there won't be that aggravation of circling endlessly around in the parking lot, looking for an open space. "We're ready to go when they're ready to go," says Costanzo, who is waiting for Stapczynski to review the proposal this week. The shuttle service could start as soon as April 1.

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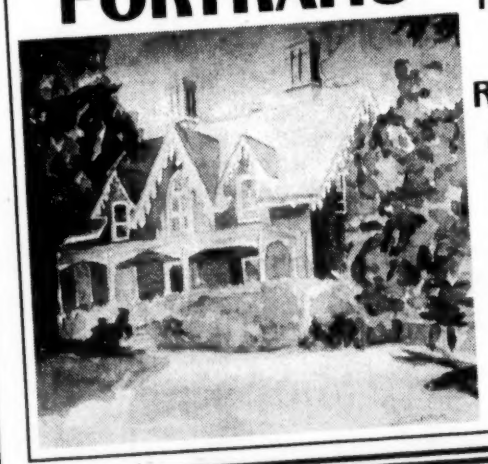

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New AHS principal gives his state of the school address

By Adam Groff

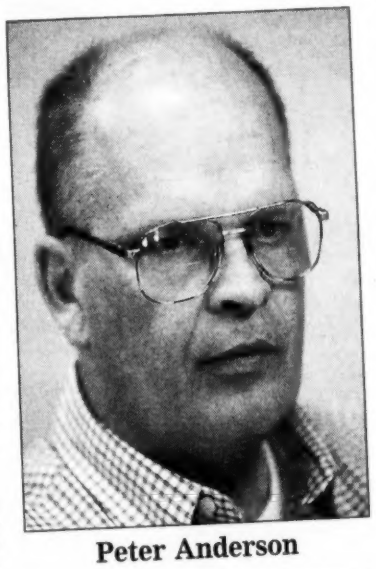
Despite outstanding students, faculty, and curriculum, Andover High School faces a staffing situation that is reaching a critical mass. Those were among the observations of AHS Principal Peter Anderson following his first semester on the job as he gave his account of the Andover High situation to the School Committee Tuesday night.

Following his address, Anderson responded to specific questions from the School Committee regarding such issues as staffing. He illustrated the situation at the high school by pointing out that currently 154 students, or eight percent of the high-school population, are taking independent study courses, because there are not enough regular classes available for them. He said that freshmen and sophomores are being forced to take fewer credits than they would like so that enough classes are available for juniors and seniors.

"I want you to understand that we are reaching a point where we will be in serious trouble if we don't get the staffing we need," said Anderson, adding that without new teachers, the high school staffing situation would reach a "critical mass."

School Committee Chairwomen Tina Girdwood tied the issue to the brewing school-budget debate.

"Andover's got to decide whether they want classes with 29 students or not," said Girdwood. "The town's got to decide what it wants its schools to look like."



Peter Anderson

In the body of his presentation, Anderson described Andover students as "poised, articulate, courteous, perceptive, and upbeat." He said that upon taking the job, he might have expected faculty and curriculum issues to top his list of concerns, as they would in most schools, but instead, he said, they are "not in the top 10."

"The quality of education in Andover is as high as I've ever seen," said Anderson. "We have dedicated teachers who work hard at what they do." He described curriculum restructuring at Andover in the wake of education reform as "a sane process, a rational process."

Anderson then went on to describe other concerns he has. Topping the list were issues of what he called issues of "scale" and "connectedness." With a student body of 1,628 and a faculty of about 140, Anderson said it is both physically difficult to put all the students in one place for assemblies and all the faculty in one room for faculty meetings. It's also a challenge to make so many students feel emotionally connected to one another and to the school community at large, he said.

"It's easy for students to feel that they're not being noticed or identified," said Anderson. "We need to provide a sense of identity for everyone and see that there are no students who feel disenfranchised. A community this size needs to be connected by core values and beliefs, and we need to figure out how to identify and disseminate those core values and beliefs."

Waxing philosophical, Anderson also suggested that educators need to "rethink school as an institution." Using the term "education system" in a broad sense, he said that schools today are a smaller part of the total education system than they once were, because young people today have access to such a vast amount of information through media such as the Internet and television.

"We are no longer the primary education giver in this country," said Anderson, "and we're deluding ourselves if we think we are." He said that educators need to start thinking of themselves as only a part of this larger and rapidly changing system, and to constantly reexamine their practices in that light.

He also said, however, that the high school should be "in a position of preeminence in the community," and he suggested that the school needs to do a better job of communicating its activities to local residents, and to make a practice of more actively "celebrating what we do in school."

Following Anderson's remarks, Andover Education Association president and high school social studies teacher Tom Meyers rose and made a comment to the committee.

"I just wanted to take the opportunity to say publicly that Peter is being very well-received (at the high school) because of his insight, intelligence, and ability to get things done," said Meyers. "He's working with us to solve problems."

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A change in focus needed to get at the big picture

Nearly every selectman of the last decade – either while running for office, or once in office – has declared that building a youth and/or senior center is a priority.

Yet, as every resident knows, the town hasn't built either one of those buildings yet. In fact, residents got so tired of waiting that organized groups formed to privately raise the money to build both.

Instead of digging into important and resident-supported ideas such as creating new senior and youth centers, Andover's Board of Selectmen through the years has often seemed to get bogged down in comparatively minor affairs.

One contributing factor to this misplaced focus may be easy to change. It's the selectmen's agenda.

At every meeting, selectmen place their most important items at the end of their agenda. At the beginning of the meeting they recognize those in town who have done good work. They grant special permits for popular events like block parties. They approve street openings and cable and gas- line repairs. They even approve old meeting minutes. And they do all this before they get to the meaty issues on their agenda.

By the time selectmen get to the larger projects that may need a good deal of thought, some may already have expended their best energy.

Monday's selectmen's meeting provides an example – and by no means an extraordinary example.

Selectmen recognized a community group, approved an amateur boxing night, listened to a teacher's annual plug for Read Across America, spent more than 30 minutes talking about a dog-bite complaint and heard a presentation on a thermometer-exchange program before they:

- addressed agreements needed for what is believed to be the largest sewer expansion in the town's history;
- recommended approval of $150,000 for a new master plan for Ballardvale; and
- considered spending more than $3 million to buy land.

Selectmen decided they needed more time before making a decision on this last item.

As a town committee formed by the selectmen looks at ways to improve town government, it's time for someone to think of a new approach to the selectmen's agenda.

Selectmen's prime time should be devoted to the town's prime objectives.

Members of the Andover Attack soccer team take on a Portuguese youth team in Angra. The city and countryside can be seen in the background.

How I spent my winter vacation: Attacking

An Andover boys soccer team, the under-14 Andover Attack that captured a state championship this past summer, was invited to Portugal to take on Portuguese teams during school vacation week.

Adam Rousmaniere, a member of the team, kept a journal for us of his travels through the Azores. Half of that journal ran last week. Here's the rest:

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Today our team took two separate tours of the island Terceira. We left on a very nice bus this morning at 9:30 a.m. The bus driver took us through seemingly endless grass fields. It was an amazing sight. All of the cultivated land was divided into areas of about 50 square yards each. All of the dividing walls were built of stones that were each no bigger than a volleyball.

We also visited a volcano that is no longer active. At the volcano, there were steaming "pits" about 15-20 feet deep. The volcano was no larger than a hill but the view was breathtaking with the ocean in the background and small villages farther inland.

The second tour was to another city on the island called Angra. There was a lot of stores and the team went shopping. The prices are very cheap here in the Azores.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Today we went to see the Madonna Statue near our hotel. The name "Madonna" has a connection to a religious figure and not to a famous singer. The statue was on top of a hill just down the road from our hotel. The hill was about 500 feet high and overlooking the ocean. We could see everything from the statue. Our village looked very small. We counted six soccer fields that we could see from the base of the statue.

Today we also had another night game under the lights against Praiense. For the most part, the Attack played good soccer but Praiense capitalized on nearly every small mistake we made. We ended out losing 7-1, with a goal scored by Joe Savoca.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Today we went to the beach. It was about 65 degrees today and mostly blue sky. The water was extremely cold so nobody stayed in for more than five minutes. There were big waves that were good for body surfing. We spent most of our time playing beach soccer with a volleyball. When we were walking around today in the city there were always Portuguese kids asking us to play "futebol." There is always a game going on. They play on the cobblestone streets with cans for goals and a rugged soccer ball.

At 12:30 p.m. we traveled to Angra to play our fourth soccer game of the week. We played on the best soccer field I have ever seen in my life. It was made of field turf with bits of rubber for an under-covering. We played Lusitania, which was the first place team on the entire island. Our team played great soccer against an incredibly talented team. The game ended in a 1-1 draw!

At around 8 p.m. the team and I were interviewed by a reporter and will be on Portuguese television tomorrow!

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

During our last day in the Azores we took a flight from Terceira to San Miguel that took 45 minutes. We landed in San Miguel, another island in the Azores, at about 1 p.m. We then took a bus tour of the new island for about two hours. There were more grass fields and hundreds of cows.

We saw another volcano which is dormant. There was a large crater at the volcano which was filled with warm water. On our way back to the airport we visited a chain of hot pools. They were small areas of boiling water letting off steam.

Our flight from San Miguel to Boston left at 7:45 p.m. (Azores time) and arrives tonight at 9:15 p.m. (American Eastern time). I can't believe how quickly the vacation went by!

Letters

Hender 'asks tough questions,' gets vote

Editor, *Townsman:*

This letter is written to endorse Ray Hender in his bid to become selectman. Ray thinks and does his homework. He comes to meetings prepared to work. He asks tough questions, not because he likes the sound of his own voice, but because he listens carefully to the answers. Ray Hender will serve the town of Andover well, because that's the way he does things.

Carole Chanler
40 Gray Road

Zoning law positive, opens town's doors

Editor, *Townsman:*

Thanks once again goes to the *Townsman* for providing this valuable exchange of opinions in the community. While I try to be a positive person and rarely respond to uninformed critics, I felt it was necessary to respond in this case. I am responding to a recent letter from Louis Velazquez regarding various Ch 40B developments being proposed in Andover.

Mr. Velazquez apparently moved into an exclusive section of Andover recently since he "wanted a safe, suburban town with good schools for my children." Now, a few months later, he has decided that a limited mixed-income development "may change Andover into something other than what (he) had expected." Is his problem with development or mixed-income development? Would he have felt that way before he moved into town last year? Before his house was built?

In referring to myself and two other applicants for comprehensive permits, Mr. Velazquez states that "these developers represent business interests, and business is usually cold and objective." Since Mr. Velazquez has only been in Andover for a few months, he is not aware that I have been an affordable housing advocate for the last several years. In addition, our projects have resulted in the creation of hundreds of acres of open space in Andover and Lawrence with land transfers to groups such as AVIS, town of Andover, Trustees of the Reservation and the Merrimack Valley Watershed Council.

Clearly, no developer enjoys "converting the greener parts of Andover into sidewalks." That is why we are quite proud of our proposed Ballardvale Crossing development which is reusing an old mill complex and turning into an attractive housing option. Our project is quite similar in concept to the successful mixed income project, Abbot's Pond Condominium.

Amazingly, Mr. Velazquez states: "if these developers were so concerned about the plight of families who did not

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Now hear this: Don't split our neighborhood through redistricting

Editor, *Townsman:*

After attending Monday night's redistricting meeting I am left with the feeling that little can be done to sway decisions already made by committee members. This is in direct opposition to the impression that options are a work in progress, subject to adjustments based on community input.

It is with much frustration that I write this letter particularly because I feel admonished by the committee for not participating in the option plans from the conception. Hence, I feel I have lost my rights as a resident and parent to oppose options involving the High Street district know as "Pocket 22." This group consists of approximately seven sixth-graders, five seventh-graders and 10 eighth-graders scheduled to be redistricted in 2002 from Doherty Middle School to West Middle, leaving behind a peer group of approximately 100 students per grade. This same option exists at the elementary-school level concerning this same pocket of children living in the High Street neighborhood past the intersection of Walnut Avenue extending to Haverhill Street. My three children are involved in both groups, elementary and middle school, to be redistricted.

In conclusion I do not question the integrity of the redistricting committee or its intentions to make the transition as smooth as possible, however I feel that my concerns about splitting a neighborhood are falling on deaf ears. In a situation that is difficult at best I believe as a parent I need to make a diligent attempt to see that my children's needs are met to the highest standard possible regarding their education and well being.

Sheila Centrella
159 High St.
Pocket 22

Photo by Tim Jean

Parents listen to redistricting task force member Annette Grams.

Fire location has been source of ire for nearby Andover residents

Editor, *Townsman:*

In the early morning hour of 3 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, we were awakened by the sounds of explosions and a doorbell rung by a neighbor trying to wake us and warn us of the nearby Swimming Pool Center fire. We were fortunate to have been warned, but had little time to get dressed and quickly leave our home. We called neighbors who were already awake and we all could not believe that our fears for the last two years concerning the Pool Center had become a reality.

Since the fire was so severe, explosions were continually going off and fire hoses were blocking the street, the Red Cross could not come to pick us up with the rescue vehicles and we were not permitted to leave with our own vehicles. The Red Cross told us we had to evacuate our home and belongings within a few minutes. Several fire trucks lined the top of our streets and one had already caught on fire from an explosion. We had to walk with our 22-month-old son and neighbors of all ages, some elderly, some with infants and children through a thick cloud of smoke, explosions, and burning chemicals (chlorine) to reach the vehicles that would evacuate us.

We, the Shepley Street residents, had brought our concerns to the Board of Selectman last December concerning the Pool Centers activities of storing powerful chemicals too close to our homes. We were very concerned about what would happen if a fire broke out.

The swimming pool business (owned by an Andover family) seemingly out its own initiative took over a 150-year-old street, Chickering Street, separating residential Andover from a business district in South Lawrence. Apparently, in the recent years, unafraid of both Andover and Lawrence administrations, this business paved Chickering Street in a fashion of a parking lot and put fences and a gate at its entrance. Our understanding is that one of the Lawrence firefighters was injured when he was trapped between the fire and a fence and had to hop over the fence. In one conversation with Andover Town Manager Reginald Stapczynski, he addressed such encroachments as "improvements" of the former status of the street. I (Simone B. Bortolami) granted him the benefit of the doubt; probably it happened to be just a poor choice of a word.

For others among our civil servants, who asked, "what does the town of Andover have to gain by clearing Chickering Street?" it is clear now. Chickering Street, with its age-old trees and banks would have kept eager businesses with little consideration for human life at a safe distance from women and children and provided rescue passage for the emergency.

Yet, the trouble is not over. A big propane tank is still lying in the middle of that parking lot together with a big depot, which the brave firefighters have managed to rescue. If the propane tank and depot caught on fire, we believe this letter would never have been written.

We have to say that the dedication and the warmth of our firefighters and police officers touched us, and the rescue-team members and the kind people at the senior center, who woke up in the middle of the night to provide us with shelter, hot food, and toys for our children, were very much appreciated. We are very fortunate and they are not enough words to ever thank them. However, what we would like to ask our town administrators is: do you now have a plan?

Simone & Lauren Bortolami
11 Shepley St.
Noreen Austin
7 Shepley St.
Gerald and Pam Wright
6 Binney St.
David and Cherie Welsh
5 Shepley St.
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Photo by Tim Jean

The state fire marshal's office is investigating the fire at 670 South Union Street in Lawrence, just north of the Andover town line.

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have affordable housing, they would be lining up to build housing in communities where the real estate is not as expensive." Does he have any suggestions for any other towns where he feels such development is suitable? Is he not aware that diversity is one of the major benefits of Ch. 40B? Mixed-income housing gives low- and middle-income individuals an opportunity to live in the same community that he does without direct government aid. No financial assistance is needed from the town, and the completed residents will make significant property tax payments.

Mr. Velazquez's assertion that "the Chapter 40B Law was meant to proselytize liberal dogmas and restructure society" is just not true. His comment "some people choose to live in quiet settings, far from crowds and traffic," really should read some people are fortunate enough to live in Andover. I know how fortunate I am to live here and I am going to continue to work hard to develop affordable housing in Andover. This is a great community by almost any measure and I would like to see that a wider range of individuals and families have the opportunity to reside here.

Bill Perkins
Rennie Drive
President, Hearthstone Realty Corp.

New face gets his vote

Editor, *Townsman:*

There is a new face on the Andover political scene, and he deserves our attention. Because he tends to be a quiet man, some may not take him seriously. That would be a mistake. His name is Ray Hender, and he will certainly receive one of my votes for selectman in the March election.

There are three reasons for my support, and I would like to share them with you.

First, Mr. Hender is a skilled and successful financier who understand budgets, cost accounting, and the disposition of money as a means of securing priorities. We need this skill. He will add much to the board in this regard.

Second, he is at a point in his life where time and wisdom allow him to offer compelling leadership. He has been a resident of Andover for about 25 years. He has had a child in the schools. He and his wife have offered powerful leadership and have contributed to a variety of Andover institutions.

Finally, he cares sincerely about youth, and this is a cause we as a community dare not fail to address. Creatively and thoughtfully addressing recreational, educational, and other youth priorities will do nothing but enrich the lives of all of us.

Men like Ray Hender do not come along to serve us very often. Let's not miss this opportunity.

Larry Larsen
3 Bryan Lane
(Larry Larsen is a former selectman.)

Two more for Ray Hender

Editor, *Townsman:*

Please join us in supporting Ray Hender for selectman on March 27.

Ray's financial background coupled with his management skills are a great fit for Andover. We know he is the best investment for Andover's future.

John and Peg Campbell
13 Geneva Road

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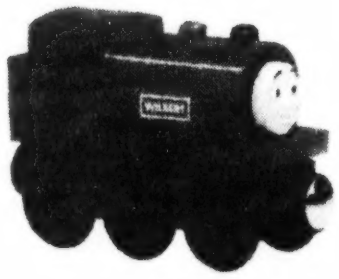

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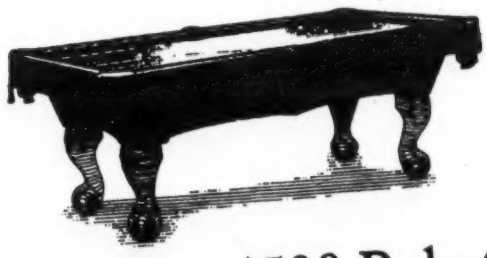

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With 2 meetings to go, Redistricting Task Force striving for balance

By Adam Groff

The two elementary school redistricting options created so far by the Redistricting Task Force are a bit out of balance, according to population projections based on newly released 2000 census data. The task force reviewed the new information at its ninth meeting Monday night, and resolved to redress the balance in the remaining two elementary options it plans to create in its final two meetings in March.

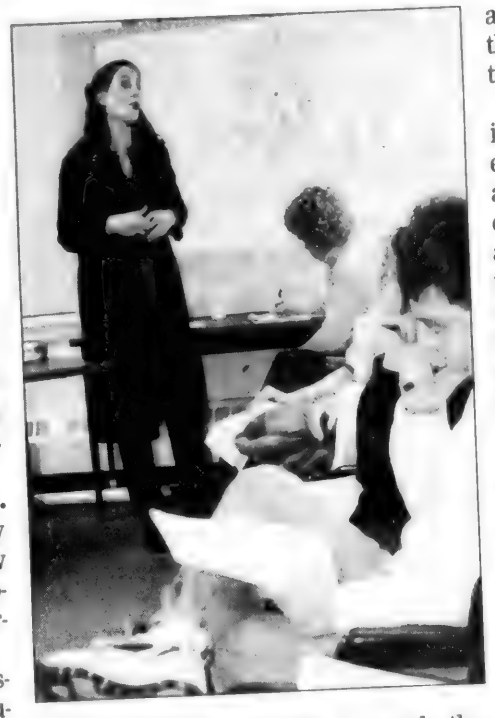
The numbers, drawn up by school business manager Bernie Tuttle, showed, among other things, that under the current two elementary redistricting options, Bancroft will be above its target population of 444 students, while the new elementary school, temporarily dubbed Cross Elementary, will be below its target. All schools have a target population following redistricting of 90 percent of their designated capacity.

Projections under both current redistricting options have Bancroft at 485 students. Though the figure is above the 444 target population, it is still substantially lower than the 590 students who currently attend the school.

More than 50 concerned Andover parents again crowded into the School Committee room in the school administration building Monday to watch the task force push ahead with its job of filling the new elementary and middle schools due to open at Cross Street and High Plain Road in 2002. The group plans to present four middle-school options, which it has already drafted, and four elementary-school options to the town and then the School Committee in April.

Photo by Tim Jean

Task force member Annette Grams stands in front of a map of the elementary-school districts. ▶



As in past meetings, when the meeting opened for public comment, some elementary parents aired their grievances about the possibility that their children might be among the few who are sent to a different middle school from the majority of their friends and classmates. Task force members have said this is all but inevitable in the course of feeding three middle schools from five elementary schools.

"Our kids are still going to be playing with the kids who live near us, but they won't be going to middle school with them," said Debbie Wipff of High Street. "This is why we're mad."

She said that her house is equidistant from West and Doherty Middle Schools, and that her three children are among a few in their neighborhood being "singled out" to attend West rather than Doherty, although they and all their neighborhood friends attend West Elementary.

"What I hear you all saying is that you would like your fifth-graders to graduate and go to middle school with

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A perfect fit: Andover and phys ed Teacher of the Year

By Adam Groff

Andover High School physical education teacher Carol Martini loves her job.

"If there was ever a school system in America that was a perfect match for me, this is it," she says of Andover, where she has taught for the past five years. Her enthusiasm will be rewarded March 11, when the Massachusetts Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD) will name her Secondary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year at its awards ceremony in Worcester.

"She's probably one of the best things to happen to Andover athletics," says Dick Bourdelais, physical education coordinator. "She has been one of the primary initiators of change in restructuring the program. The entire staff has contributed, but she came in, and she's the type of person who says, 'What can we do?' not, 'What can't we do?' When we interviewed her, she said, 'Physical education is my passion,' and she was right. She has great rapport with the students."

"We work hard and try to do a lot to make it interesting and tough for the kids," says Martini. "My goal when I came to Andover was to have kids go home and talk about what they did in phys ed that day, and we've done that."

Martini has evidence to back up her claim: two years ago, she says, a survey of AHS students showed that among Andover boys, phys ed was their favorite class, and among girls, it was their second-favorite.

Martini says the contribution to the physical education program of which she is most proud is her "High Five" program, which she put in place in her first year with the intent of creating a positive incentive for student performance.

"Kids get in trouble enough when they're late for school and have to sit in detention and that kind of thing," she says. "We wanted to approach discipline from a more positive direction." Students earn credit toward a "High Five" through positive behavior "above and beyond what they get a grade on," according to Martini, such as volunteering to put equipment away after class or assisting another student with an activity. After the first such occasion, a student has his or her name posted on a bulletin board on a cutout in the shape of a hand with one finger extended in a "High One." Each time thereafter that the student is recognized, another finger is added, until he or she achieves a High Five. Students who achieve and maintain a High Five until the end of the year get to go on a field trip.

Photo by Tim Jean

Carol Martini is on the receiving end of a lot of High Fives.

"This is our way of promoting sportsmanship, respect, and a positive attitude," says Martini. "And it works. Every day before class the kids are out there checking the bulletin board." She says the first year of the program, qualifying students went on a trip to Fenway Park; the next year, they went to the sports museum in the Fleet Center; another year, they visited the sports desk at *The Boston Globe*.

"And this has nothing to do with their athletic ability," she continues. "It's about having the right attitude. Sometimes the kids say, 'I scored three goals today, how come I don't get something toward my High Five?' And I say, 'If you're so good, how come you didn't spend more time trying to set up a shot for other kids?'"

As a youth, Martini didn't spend a lot of time agonizing over what she wanted to do with her life.

"When I was in fourth grade, I remember going home and announcing to my parents that I wanted to be a gym teacher," she says, adding that the accepted term is now "physical education teacher." Upon graduating from Braintree High School, she started on her path.

"I always wanted to go to Springfield College," she says. "I applied for early admission, I got in, started studying physical education, and I never looked back."

After graduating in 1975, she joined the athletics department at Lexington High School and stayed there for 10 years. While there, she took a part time job coaching women's basketball at Boston College, thinking she might want to become a college coach for her favorite sport.

"After coaching for two years, I found out that my heart was in teaching on the high-school level," she says. When she decided to have children, she stopped teaching for a few years and began driving a school bus in Lexington. While driving a bus, she says she would occasionally look in at the gymnasium at the elementary school her children attended, and there she made the acquaintance a physical education teacher named David Fazio. She decided she wanted to work with him.

"When he left to come to Andover," she says, "I followed him." She and Fazio are now among the six physical education teachers at Andover High, and Martini is very happy with her move.

"They've done back flips for me," she says of her colleagues. "I feel kind of funny being singled out for this award. Our whole staff is so great."

Students achieve second-term honors at West Middle School

The following students have been named to the honor roll for the second term at West Middle School:

Class of 2005

High honors

Berger, Samantha Marie
Betty, Koren Lee
Boumil, Sylvester James
Brady, Hannah Caitlin
Brennan, Matthew Sean
Chang, Stephen Ting
Chomicz, Amanda
Chung, Monica Insuk
Coiro, Andrea
Coleman, Erin Kathleen
Davis, Jennifer Marie
Day, Alexander John
Delaney, Caitlin Marie
Dlesk, Jennifer Janette
Espy, Caryn Rachel
Flemming, Heather Leigh
Ginsberg, Erica
Greenspan, Elena
Hennessy, Richard Matthew
Hsieh, Brian
Hung, Christina Jane
Korte, Erin Margaret
Mathias, Rithika
Mekkaoui, Cherine Juliana
Moharnmed, Laylah
Muller, James Grant
Munro, Jacqueline Marie
Nill, Allison Phyllis
Pinksten, Kristen Marie
Rabbani, Ayesha Riaz
Ravens, Daniel Patrick
Richard, Jodi Sara
Saunders, Erin Suzanne
Sebasky, Carolyn Marie
Smith, Micaela Mary
Tenney, Angela Eleanor
Teperow, Matthew Adam
Thandi, Pardeep Singh
Toland, Caitlin Marguerite
Trageser, Alice Jayne
Weiner, Joshua Matthew
Willey, Leslie
Wuehrmann, Geoffrey
Yu, Paul Edward
Yuan, Alice

Honors

Adams, Samuel Michael
Bicking, Katherine Emily
Bill, Michael Francis
Borden, William
Bryden, Luke John
Caro, Nicholas John
Chari, Roopa Lakshmi
Dagan, Mai
Davidson, Lindsay Ellen
Decristofaro, Jessica Lynne
Dougherty, Olivia Howe
Eichman, George William
Farnham, Mark Raymond
Federico, Oriana Esme
Felden, Ryan Gregory
Fosse, Erik Christopher
Fox, John Corliss
Freedman, Lauren Ann
Gladstein, Katie Jill
Goldstein, Sarah Pearl
Gostanian, Zachary George
Greeley, Gabriel Emmett
Grieve, James Francis
Griswold, Emily Austin
Grobicki, Lauren Marie
Harrington, Meghan Jean
Heath, Douglas Robert
Holber, Alysa Jennifer
Hunt, Steven Robert
Kasianchuk, Michael John
Kostakis, Vasilios Mihail
Leclerc, Daniel Andrew
Lee, Sunny
Mac Kay, Skye Marie
Mackenzie, Kyle Scott
Macomber, Garrison Walker
Magnan, Jessica
Maguire, Jeffrey Brad
Martin, Hallie Abigail
McCall, Kara Faherty
Mooney, Meredith Lappin
Moriarty, Brittany Dean
Nichols, Katherine Mary
Palermo, Jennifer
Pavelka, Angela Marie
Peracchi, Louis Anthony
Peterman, Jeremy Scott
Philpott, Ryan Shreve
Pisc, Alexandru
Rosenblatt, Claudia Rachelle
Roszkowski, Augustin
Sandman, Zachary David
Schirmer, Davis James Devine
Segal, Courtney Dianne
Shields, Jessie Dewell
Shu, Andrew Nianwei
Sico, Jenna Marie
Slovin, Elissa Michelle
Tassinari, Gina Marie
Tayebi, Sheila
Upton, Whitney Anne
Waisnor, Christopher Neil
Wong, Stephanie Aie-Ting

Class of 2006

High honors

Ahern, Ashley
Aldrich, Nathan Robert
Arnold, Rory James
Ball, Maxwell Joseph
Ball, Samuel David
Barmettler, Gabi
Barry, Michael Joseph
Benedix, Joseph Patrick
Benenati, Ashley Rae
Browne, Christopher Garfield
Butler, Alison Janis
Caliri, Marisa Josephine
Carroll, Tyler Christopher
Christiano, Anthony Vincent
Christopher, Sara Caffrey
Ciampa, Lauren Elizabeth
Colbert, Bradford James
Coneeny, Sarah Margaret
Conway, James Francis
Crowley, Kara Marie
Demarco, Eric James
Doucett, Sarah Alison
Gaj, Maureen Suzan
Gianopoulos, Michael Arthur
Gibson, Christopher Walter
Gillan, Margaret Alice
Goldstein, Mallory Blair
Harney, Lisa Marie
Hofmans, Emma Susan
Hutzler, Colin Pearce
Irby, Colleen
Kasparian, Amy Elizabeth
Kurkul, Andrea Beth
Lamontagne, Donna Patricia
Li, Melodee
Lieberman, Molly Kilman
Malaguti, Paul David
Marton, Julie A
McCall, Brian Francis
McDermott, Meghan M
Mehta, Sonal Pinakin
Muscatello, Christopher
Nadelson, Adam Christopher
Nordblom, Anders Payson
Nugent, Kathryn Lacey
Ouellette, Laura Jaye
Perry, Danielle Barbara
Pettee, Carrie Susan
Pierro, Christina Mary
Pierro, Frank Michael
Portney, Chelsea Channing
Rousmaniere, Adam
Russell, Jennifer
Saccone, Meghan Marie
Sanders, Andrew Richard
Savoca, Joseph Frederick
Scarborough, Aubrey
Schoen, Lindsay Perry
Sebasky, Kristen Michelle
Sebasky, Megan Elizabeth
Sheldon, Jason Sarnuel
Shin, Donna
Shockley, Alexander John
Smidt, Katharine Eleanor
Sofio, Jessica Rachel
Stewart, Michael Lawrence
Travers, Nicholas Stephen
Twomey, Steven Joseph
Vijayakumar, Nandini
Wallace, Alyssa Catherine
Wang, Margaret
Whiting, Andrew

Honors

Ahern, Michael Xavier
Belanger, Lindsay Jane
Berger, Ned Connor
Bradley, Robert Haskins
Pirown, Sara Marie
Chapman, David Aaron
Colbert, Matthew Philip
Conway, Kaitlyn McNamara
Daher, Olivia Bristol
Damphousse, Rebecca Janet
Dion, Matthew Aaron
Durkin, Brad Bartlett
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Gianopoulos, Faye Elizabeth
Guy, Michelle Elizabeth
Hennessy, Andrew Jalnes
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Huang, Fred Keshung
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Infantine, Katie Sarah
Joyce, Allison Michelle
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Layne, Sydny Sara
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Mann, Ryan
Martin, Andrea Leigh
McDonald, Jennifer Lauren
McDonnell, Daniel Collin
McMahon, Joshua George
McNamara, Michael Thomas
McPartland, Elizabeth Ann
McRoy, Darren Zeigler
Miller, Zachary Everett
Olsheskie, Amy Elisabeth
Puntoni, Raymond John
Regner, Kevin Robert
Richardson, Brendan Kyle
Riddle, Erica Lee
Robbat, Christopher Albert
Samuels, Robert Justin
Sartori, Paul James
Schrader, Paul Christopher
Shin, David Sungeun
Simons, Gregory Stephen
Sullivan, Patricia Marie
Thorburn, Caitlin Hannah
Vetrano, Gregory Charles
Whalen, Emily Adams
Wheelwright, Abigail
Wise, Julia Alexis
Yount, Bradley Alexander

Class of 2007

High honors

Adarns, Christopher
Berger, Jennifer R
Bergman, Julia Anna
Bicking, Charlotte Rose
Boumil, Gregory Michael
Brandon, Christina Ann
Cairns, Rebecca Ivy
Callery, Allison Rose
Chan, Stephen Ian
Chartier, John Alexander
Cusumano-Towner, Marco
Espindle, David Bryan
Evans, Emily Victoria
Farquhar, Steven Webster
Feinberg, Jennifer Joy
Ferguson, Ryan Olander
Gaj, Kerry Jeanne
Gilmore, Anne Elizabeth
Grobicki, Michael Joseph
Heath, Colleen Elizabeth
Hempstead, Sarah Elizabeth
Huggins, Danielle
Hughes, Whitney Cheryl
Johnson, Rebecca Lindsay
Jordan, Zachary
Kouletsis, Lillian Bequet
Kurkul, Kevin Liam
Landy, Benjamin Santiago
Lapsa, Brian
Lewis, Brittany Barker
Lieberman, Dean Kilman

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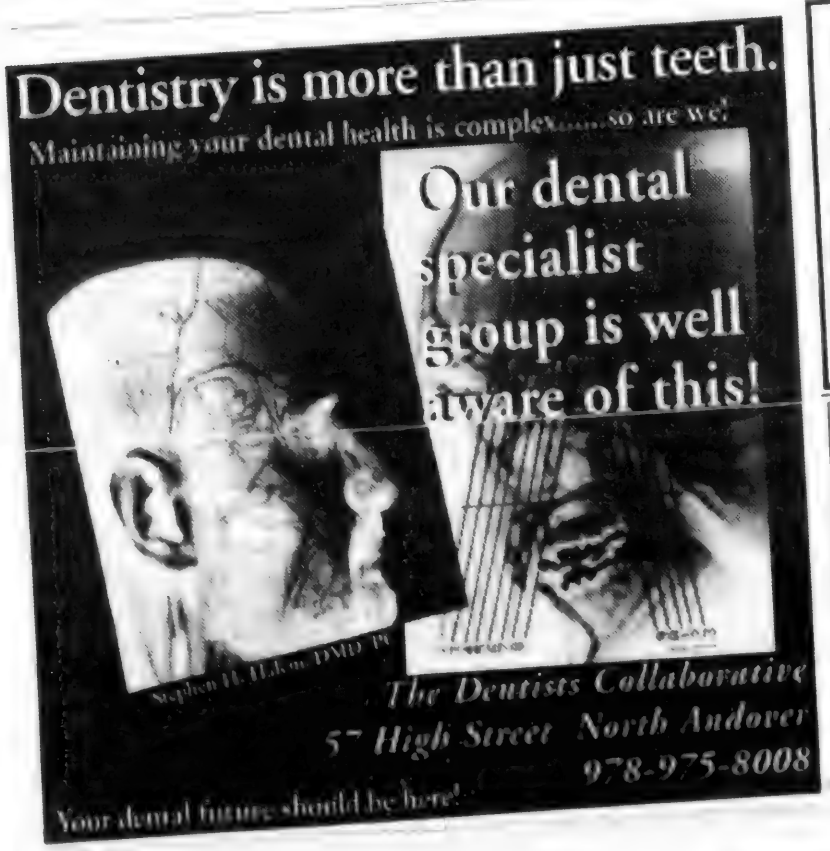

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Elementary schools

Thursday, March 1: Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, french toast sticks with sausage, cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, green beans, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Fun fish nuggets with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit and milk.

Monday: American chop suey, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hash browns, pears, and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken shoestrings, toasted cheese sandwich, slice of pizza, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork with mashed potato, mozzarella sticks, hot dog, applesauce, corn, chocolate cake, and milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf with mashed potato, french toast sticks with sausage, Chicken McSchool, apples, carrots, and milk.

Friday: Tuna salad plate, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit, Jello, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Thursday, March 1: Meatloaf with mashed potato, Chicken McSchool, cheeseburger, peas, pineapple, and milk.

Friday: Steak & cheese sub, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad, fresh fruit, milk, and sugar cookie.

Monday: Raviolis, chicken McSchool, nachos with cheese sauce, carrots, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, baked chicken nuggets, two toasted cheese sandwiches, potato puffs, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, mozzarella sticks, slice of pizza, corn, cranberry sauce, chocolate cake, and milk.

Thursday: French toast sticks with sausage, Chicken McSchool, cheeseburger on a roll, hash browns, pears, and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub, baked chicken nuggets, tuna salad sub, potato puffs, fresh fruit, Jello, and milk.

Secondary schools

Thursday, March 1: Chicken & gravy over rice, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, apples, oranges, vegetables, and milk.

Friday: Fish and chips, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, sugar cookie, apples, oranges, vegetable, and milk.

Monday: Two tacos, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, pasta ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: Oven baked chicken, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, chocolate cake, fruit, veggie, Jello, and milk.

Thursday: Raviolis, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

Friday: Egg salad with soup, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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West Middle honor roll

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Marton, Stephanie
Matsumoto, Katharine
McGinty, Meaghan
McGovern, Patrick Murphy
Murray, Michael Brian
Nitzberg, Jessica Ann
Novick, Karl Andrew
Park, Rebecca Clare
Perry, Laura Ann
Pulido, Jessica Maria
Ritzer, Colleen Elizabeth
Roberge, Kelly
Rushford, Laura Eileen
Ryan, Maura Ann
Sanders, Trevor Theodore
Sant, Vivek Ravindra
Schoen, Holly Anne
Schwarz, Derek Willilam
Shaw, Peter Thomas
Shockley, Michael Brett
Shu, Michael Jeewei
Sloan, Alyssa Rachel
Spoto, Meredith Katherine
Taylor, Daniel Edward
Toomey, Kelly Ann
Traub, Gabrielle Hana
Wang, Charles Fan
Xu, Zoe
Yu, Christopher Takis

Honors

Anderson, Katie Marie
Barry, Lauren Margaret
Bird, Derek L
Bourgeois, Michael Roland
Brady, Tamar Meaghan
Brody, John Sanford
Brown, Dominic Martyn
Buitenhuys, Bradley Stevin
Burdeau, Alexandra Elizabeth
Burke, Robert Conor
Callery, Andrew Bernard
Callery, James Arthur
Chretien, Karen Marie
Coiro, Renee Mary
Conley, Christina Ann
Cooney, Brandon Paul
Crush, Jonathan
Daher, Alexandra Taylor
Desmond, Molly Jane
Donlan, Sean Edward
Duncan, Kevin Davey
Fox, Rachel Amanda
Frerichs, Ryan Hayden
Geary, Jennifer Ann
Greeley, Daniel John
Guillet, Jessica Erin
Hartel, Lauren Alecci
Holstein, Carly Sarah
Hyde, Allison Lindsey
Iworsley, Eric Paul
Jee, Janelle
Labrecque, Randy
Lightner, Kyle Paul
Lippa, Alexander Michael
Lipton, Justin Ellis
Martin, Lauren Joan
Massey, Craig Elton
McNiff, Sean Patrick
Moynihan, Colleen Ellen
Nathan, Craig Louis
Nisco, Christopher
O'Connell, Andrew James
O'Connell, Erik James
Paonessa, Paul Anthony
Parker, Christopher Scott
Perry, Christopher
Petzold, Tiffany Lynne
Philpott, Amy Eleanor
Puntoni, Matthew Joseph
Reed, Michael Douglas
Roman, Peter Andrew
Rosenberg, Aaron Doron
Rosenberg, Jonathan Eric
Sathnur, Neeraj Madhukar
Schweitzer, Corinne Diana
Sempere, Chloe Rose
Shiro, Faryn
Somma, Michael Patrick
Stapczynski, Stephen
Tam, Carmen
Thibodeau, Andrew
Traub, Jonathan David
Twomey, Kevin J
Vieira, Steven James
Weiss, Max Arnold
Wheelwright, Andrew D

Parent to Parent talk: Healthy vision of boyhood

Barney Brawer, coordinator of the Program for Education Change Agents at Tufts University, will present "What About The Boys!" next Tuesday, March 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the West Middle School Auditorium. The snow date is March 13.

Brawer believes we are living in the midst of a "silent crisis" of men and boys. He will provide current statistical findings on this crisis and discuss what it is like to be a boy growing up now.

Discussion will center on ways to protect boys and promote a new healthy vision of boyhood in homes and schools.

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News

Andover neighbors continue complaints about property on Lawrence/Andover line

Pool chemicals fuel explosive fire, evacuating neighbors

By Rebecca Piro

There's not much left of the building that once stood at 670 South Union St. in Lawrence, only steps away from the Andover town line. But the anger that some Andover residents feel towards their commercial neighbor still rages.

An early morning fire, fed by hazardous chemicals stored on site, tore through the Swimming Pool Center last Friday, Feb. 23. Two Lawrence firefighters were injured and two trucks were damaged by explosions. Approximately 30 to 40 residents of Shepley and Binney streets were evacuated due to choking smoke and spent the morning at the Andover Senior Center before returning to their homes.

The Lawrence Fire Department has not yet determined the cause of the fire, says Deputy Chief Jack Bergeron. Crews were still at the scene Tuesday morning, picking through the rubble for clues. Residents also wonder how the fire started – and some note they told the town they were concerned about what was stored at the site.

"We pushed the issue because we were sure that it would be dangerous," says Simone Bortolami of 11 Shepley St., explaining that he and the other "refugees" were always uneasy about the chemicals that they suspected were stored close to their homes. "We knew what kind of things were in there. It was not difficult to (figure out). Unfortunately, our worries turned out to be very real."

Shepley Street residents have appeared several times before the selectmen to complain that business owner Paul Charland was using his residential property on Shepley Street as parking for his commercial vehicles, committing a zoning violation. But the residents never voiced health concerns at the public meetings, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Selectmen minutes show that while residents spent the bulk of their time addressing other concerns, they did at least mention they were concerned about the chemicals stored on site.

Photo by Tim Jean

Binney Street resident Cindy DiStefano addressed the media after last Friday's fire.

Bergeron says that Charland never did anything wrong in terms of the health of residents and the storage of chemicals. "There is nothing that I'm aware of that would indicate that their (chemicals) were improperly stored. The (residents) could have petitioned to find out exactly what was there at any time," he says.

To Bergeron's knowledge, the residents never came to the Lawrence Fire Department with health concerns regarding the Swimming Pool Center. Andover Health Inspector Everett Penney says that Shepley residents have never approached him with health concerns regarding the chemical storage, and Charland's lawyer, Attorney Carl Berger, says that neither he nor his client have ever been approached by concerned neighbors on any issue at all.

The Lawrence Fire Department regularly performs inspections of all commercial properties, and Charland never had any violations, Bergeron says.

Regardless, Bortolami appears to want the use of the site to come to an end. "We can probably put in a gazebo in there now and enjoy our long-deserved peace," he says.

Charland's attorney says his client still has plans for the site. "This is (the Charlands') life," he says. "This has been devastating. He would like to rebuild there."

$150,000 just for design

Selectmen priority: plan to slow traffic

By Rebecca Piro

Selectmen want to put $150,000 towards designing a facelift for the streets and sidewalks of Ballardvale.

Selectmen unanimously recommend approval of using a Town Meeting article that will develop construction plans to carry the Ballardvale Village Improvement Plan to its next step.

Last year's Town Meeting approved $40,000 for the Ballardvale Task Force to develop a master plan for improvement of traffic and pedestrian safety.

Cars use Ballardvale as a cut-through to Interstate-93 North, says Task Force Chairman Chris Huntress. The task force wants to discourage vehicles from traveling Ballardvale's roads by shrinking the scale of the streets down to "a pedestrian level," improving crosswalks, widening sidewalks and adding trees and decorative lighting.

That master plan, created with the help of design firm Copley/Wolff, is about three-quarters of the way complete, says Huntress. A final presentation of the master plan, in its complete form, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, at Memorial Hall Library.

If the town votes to approve the allocation in April, the task force will hire an engineering and planning firm to develop the construction documents and prioritize Ballardvale's needs, says Huntress. The task force would then request additional funds from next year's Town Meeting to put those priorities into action.

Call 8.9-percent increase 'very minimal' as meeting approaches

School officials set to 'fight' for budget

By Adam Groff

The School Committee voted unanimously Tuesday night to approve Superintendent Claudia Bach's school budget of $42,554,797 for fiscal year 2002, and members vowed to defend that number in upcoming negotiations with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

"This number is the minimum we need to do justice to the students of Andover," said committee member Skip Eccles, who also asked if his fellow members would "fight" for the budget.

"This represents a very minimal and perhaps no improvement (over the current budget)," said Bach. "It is the minimal cost of providing a decent education for our students, and it is well worth defending."

The superintendent's budget represents an 8.9-percent increase over the current school budget. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has recommended a budget for the schools of $41,479,566, a 6.2-percent increase, and about $1.1 million less than the superintendent's budget. The School Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee on March 7 to begin to try to work out their budgetary differences.

Business manager Bernie Tuttle recommended a more moderate tone leading up to next Wednesday's meeting.

"The three of us have no problem defending this budget," said Tuttle, referring to himself, Bach, and Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath, "but I would hate to see us take a position of drawing a line in the sand before meeting with the three boards. We have to have a dialogue. Maybe coming out the other side, we will draw a line in the sand. But let's have the dialogue first."

'It is the minimal cost of providing a decent education for our students, and it is well worth defending.'

— Claudia Bach, school superintendent, on her proposed budget, a 8.9-percent increase over last year's budget.

Each year, the three boards attempt to agree on a number for the school budget they can all recommend at Town Meeting, but they have not always succeeded. In 1996, the School Committee recommended a different budget from the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, and that budget lost by 24 votes at 1996 Town Meeting, forcing the then-superintendent to cut almost $500,000 from his school budget to comply with the one that passed.

"Sooner or later it could happen that there's not a settlement before Town Meeting," said Bach. Earlier in the meeting she said, "I think we can show (the other boards) that our budget is very much in line with the other budgets in the town. There's been a public misperception over the years because of the way we've aligned our numbers that the school

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On Reichhold land for passive, active recreation

Selectmen wait to pull trigger

Reichhold Chemical Inc. wants the town's word that it will purchase the 46.7-acre parcel of land off Lowell-Junction Road.

The purchase of the former resin-production site for $3.6 million is on this year's Town Meeting warrant, but the vote is actually to set aside the funds until Reichhold has brought the property up to "excellent" standards, says resident Jerry Bird, former chairman of the Open Space Committee.

"While the town may commit itself to spending a certain amount of money, no money changes hands until the title is passed and the land is clean," says Conservation Commission Chairman Don Cooper. In addition, the Conservation Commission will cover about half the price in exchange for about 25 acres of land to be designated conservation property, says Bird.

Selectmen considered this deal Monday night, listening to several residents who chimed in to support the purchase plan. But the board did not vote to recommend or disapprove the article, stating that it wanted more time to deliberate.

The town could use the land to create badly needed playing fields for youth sports and store some town-yard equipment, as well as other passive-recreation purposes, says Bird. If Andover does not purchase the 46 acres, another developer, who might not have any regard for the environment, could buy the property and erect another industry, adds Andover Village Improvement Society Vice President Peggy Keck.

Planning Director Steve Colyer plans to encourage the Planning Board to support the article, and resident Chris Huntress says that the Ballardvale Task Force has already recommended approval.

Proponents of the article have scheduled an open meeting discussion on Wednesday, April 4, in the School Committee room.

— Rebecca Piro

File photo

Some residents would like to see the Reichhold area used for new playing fields.

Sewer doings: Buyer advisory, water-sharing with No. Reading

Selectmen signed two sewer documents Monday night concerning payment for and construction of the $27 million sewer project.

Betterments ranging between $10,000 and $18,000 will be filed after the sewer expansion in the Ballardvale Road, South Main Street and Rogers Brook areas is complete, says Director of Public Works Jack Petkus.

Selectmen signed the estimated-betterment statement, intended to notify future home-buyers that they could be purchasing homes with such liens against them.

The total cost for the sewer construction will be split between rate payers already served by sewers, who will pay one-third of the cost, and the households added onto the sewer, who will pay the remaining two-thirds through betterments.

Jack Petkus: Betterment costs for sewer expansion between $10K and $18K.

The board also signed an agreement with the town of North Reading that states Andover will sell the community an extra 68,000 gallons of water per day.

The agreement fulfills a requirement set by the Department of Environmental Protection, which demanded that Andover do something to make up for the water its new sewers would draw out of the Ipswich River watershed.

One quarter of the homes to receive sewer are located in the Ipswich River basin, and the state has worried that the septic water eliminated by the new sewers will shrink the Ipswich River's water supply.

Andover's permit from the state to construct the sewers relies on this agreement with North Reading.

— Rebecca Piro

Budget: schools 'emboldened'

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budget is an inflated, runaway budget, and I think we can show that it's not."

Bach said that the school budget includes a number of items that for other town departments are regularly made into separate warrant articles, thus making their budget increases look smaller. She said she is working with Tuttle to demonstrate this with hard data that she can present in coming weeks to show that the school department request is not out of line with other town-department requests.

"I see a lot of enthusiastic support in the town for the schools and the teachers," said committee member Gerald Gustus, "and I think we should be somewhat emboldened by that. That's our constituency."

"I certainly support this budget," said School Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood. "After listening to (Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson's presentation on the state of the school), we need to be very concerned about whether this is adequate, and I'm not sure that it is. It is not only we who are making this decision, but the community as well."

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Feb. 22 – At 1:42 p.m., Juan Santiago, 40, of 89 Cross St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was suspended, speeding and being a fugitive from justice for a N.H. warrant.

Friday, Feb. 23 – At 1:44 p.m., Kenneth Paquette, 25, of 157 Andover St., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, larceny of goods worth more than $250, and being a fugitive from justice for a N.H. warrant.

At 6:13 p.m., Michael Thomas, 43, of 29 Arlene Drive, Pelham, N.H., was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance and drinking in public.

Saturday, Feb. 24 – At 8:16 p.m., Karen Robinson, 36, of 34 Morton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged as a fugitive from justice for a warrant out of Florida.

At 10:20 p.m, Donald Stoddard, 41, of 138 Pelham St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with speeding, and a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Monday, Feb. 26 – At 12:05 p.m., Andrew Ryan, 19, of 44 Michael Way, and a 16-year-old male, were arrested and charged with driving without a license, giving a false name to a police officer and speeding.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 – At 12:37 p.m., Cesar Acosta, 47, of 1 Clock Tower, Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged on an Andover warrant for rape.

At 6:46 p.m., Angela Vang, 38, of 11 Park St., Medford, was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 11:09 p.m., Susan Lagrasse, 46, of 347 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine over 28 grams, possessing a Class A substance with the intent to distribute, possessing a Class B substance with the intent to distribute, and possessing a hypodermic needle or syringe. Joseph Santoro, 47, of 347 Lowell St., was also arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine over 28 grams, possessing a Class A substance with the intent to distribute, possessing a Class B substance with the intent to distribute, distributing a Class A substance, possessing a hypodermic needle, and possessing a Class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – At 1:54 p.m., a female driver for the Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Authority reported that a passenger on her trolley was swearing at the other passengers.

Friday, Feb. 23 – At 1:23 p.m., a Railroad Avenue resident reported that a town plow hit his vehicle. The officer advised the complaintant to report the accident to his insurance company.

At 3:39 p.m., a female reported that her daughter may have tried to commit suicide. Police spoke with the mother while an ambulance was sent to transport the daughter to the hospital.

At 6:44 p.m., a female reported that her 12-year-old daughter was assaulted by her ex-husband that afternoon.

Saturday, Feb. 24 – At 2:19 a.m., an officer reported that four of five storage boxes at a construction site on Minuteman Road were unsecured.

Monday, Feb. 26 – At 11:58 a.m., an officer responded to Verizon on Shattuck Road regarding a suspicious package that was delivered there. The package was filled with stuffed animals.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 – At 3:36 a.m., a Dufton Road resident reported that a dog had been barking in the area for 45 minutes. An officer was unable to wake up the homeowner, so a dispatcher called the person and advised them to keep the dog inside for the evening.

At 12:49 p.m., a resident of Lowell Junction Road discovered a BB gun in their home and requested that police pick up the weapon and destroy it.

BREAKS

Thursday, Feb. 22 – At 3:09 p.m., a caller from Faith Lutheran Church reported signs of forced

More than $21K, 28 grams seized, say police

Cocaine charges: pair arrested at home

Police report seizing more than 28 grams of cocaine and $21,173 from a Lowell Street home late Tuesday night.

Susan Lagrasse and Joseph Santoro were arrested when six Andover cops and one state trooper from the Essex County Drug Task Force entered 347 Lowell St. with a search warrant.

Lagrasse and Santoro are residents of a Lowell Street home that police have watched for several months, says Detective Sgt. Don Pattullo.

After searching the home, the officers confiscated large quantities of cocaine, heroin and marijuana, and drug paraphernalia including scales, packaging materials and many hypodermic needles, says Pattullo. The cash, assumed by police to be drug money, was hidden throughout the house in various areas, he says.

Both residents are charged with drug trafficking, an offense more serious than possession with intent to distribute, says Pattullo. The more severe charge is due to the volume of drugs they had in their home.

Lagrasse and Santoro were arraigned in Lawrence District Court early Wednesday morning. If convicted, each could face jail-time between five and 20 years, and a fine between $5,000 and $50,000.

If the $21,173 is proven to be drug money, those funds will be forfeited to the Andover Police Department, in accordance with state law. Money acquired through drug arrests is used to fund the substance abuse unit, including training and equipment, says Pattullo.

— Rebecca Piro

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entry.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – At 6:14 p.m., a Haggetts Pond Road resident reported that his home was broken into. An officer determined that entry was gained by kicking in the front door.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – At 8:41 p.m., a person from the Mobil Station on Lowell Street reported that a car drove off without paying for its gas.

Thursday, Feb. 22 – At 8:15 a.m., a female student at Pike School reported that a number of CDs were stolen from her school bag.

At 1:08 p.m., a Bailey Road resident reported that his laser, a piece of construction equipment, was stolen from his barn.

At 4:26 p.m., two people from Phillips Academy reported that their wallets were stolen.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – At 1:30 p.m., a male at Boston Sports Club reported that his money and credit cards were stolen.

At 3:43 p.m., an Acropolis Circle resident reported that some jewelry was missing from his house.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 22 – At 5:48 p.m., a caller reported that several white geese were struck on Andover Street in front of Larry D's deli. Two of the geese died from their injuries, said a responding officer.

ACCIDENTS

Saturday, Feb. 24 – At 12:10 a.m., a Korinthian Way resident reported that a vehicle crashed through his fence and was sitting on his front lawn. The responding officer reported that no one was injured in the crash.

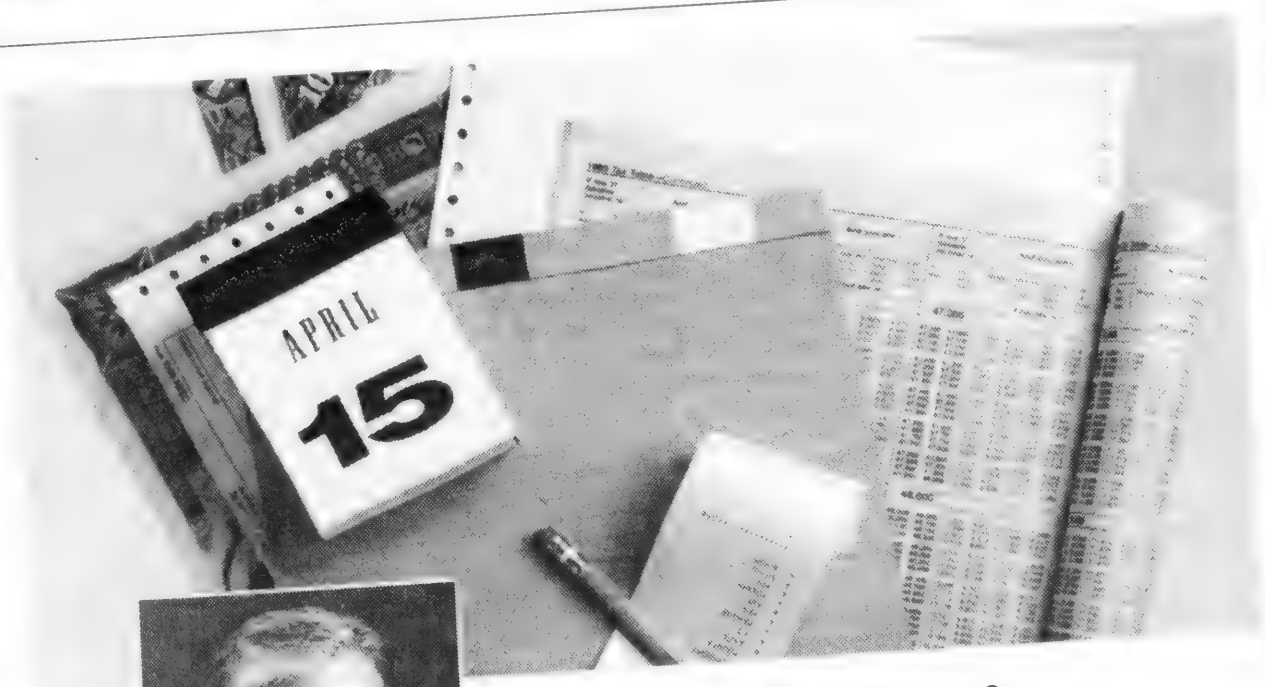
Sunday, Feb. 25 – At 2:04 a.m., a driver lost control of his car on River Road and struck a wall. The car was towed and the driver, who complained of an injured shin, was taken by ambulance to the hospital for treatment.

At 11:05 a.m., two cars collided on Central Street. One operator complained of pain in her jaw. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Monday, Feb. 26 – At 6:51 a.m., an accident occurred on River Road. One vehicle was towed and an ambulance responded to treat the injured party.

VANDALISM

Two incidents of vandalism were reported this week.



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Nuisance or not?

Selectmen bite into dog issue

By Rebecca Piro

Five selectmen put their heads together Monday night to ponder a dog bite.

The board listened for 30 minutes to Theresa Mullen, a Woodland Road resident, who explained that a dog bit her leg last July, and then to her lawyer, Dan McCarthy, who talked about why they should put their "official" stamp of approval on the restrictions already imposed by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski last October.

Jane Griswold, also a Woodland Road resident, owns the dog but was not present at the hearing. She is not forced to obey Stapczynski's restrictions unless they are affirmed by the selectmen, said McCarthy. Therefore, his client wanted the board to officially declare the dog a "nuisance."

"Clearly the bite occurred," concluded Selectman Mary French. But was that reason enough to deem the dog a nuisance? Selectmen Chairman Brian Major didn't think so. "Say you have a young puppy, and there's always nipping. Would that be considered a bite? And then (the puppy) is considered a nuisance for the rest of its life," Major said.

There was no uncertainty on the matter for Selectman Ted Teichert. "A bite is a bite. I don't know what we're fighting about," he said. "It's kind of common sense."

The selectmen finally voted 5-0 that the dog did actually bite the woman, and they reaffirmed the recommendations – that the dog be leashed, tied or enclosed at all times – that had been set four months ago by the police and town manager.

Photo by Tim Jean

Lawyer Dan McCarthy and Police Lieutenant James Hashem presented their cases to the selectmen.

Arts & Entertainment

Heat's on at the Collins Center...

High school drama competition hits the stage

By Judy Wakefield

Looking to beat the winter blahs? Look no further than the Collins Center on Saturday. That's when top high-school thespians from eight local high schools, including Andover, take over the stage for the state's annual drama festival for high schoolers. It's the quarter-finals competition and it's the first time Andover High has hosted the event.

It's a good blah-buster, as festival-goers can take in as much drama as they want for just $6. The curtain goes up at 9 a.m. and 40-minute shows are happening throughout the day, ending around 5:30 p.m.

"People can take in one show or stay for the entire day," said Susan Sepich, drama specialist at Andover High. "Call it our version of the Academy Awards. Three schools will be selected at the end of the night to move on to the next round of competition. It's exciting."

She said Andover's entry will perform at 1 p.m. But unlike some of those Academy Award nominees, these performances are relatively short. The plays can not exceed 40 minutes. Stop watches are used by the judges and any school that goes over the time limit is disqualified.

Behind the scenes with the play's author, David Foley.

It's a pressure-packed performance, for sure, but Sepich says Andover High is up for the challenge.

Thirteen cast members, another eight crew members, and a slew of volunteers from Andover High are pulling together for the big event.

Altogether, about 60 teens are involved with the school's entry, *The Murder at Argos*.

The Andover entry is a contemporary take on the Greek tragedies. Written by David Foley of New York, who has been friends with Sepich since their college days, the play takes place in 5th century BC, but will be performed in modern language and with modern costumes.

Sepich sees her never-seen-before strategy as an advantage as originality goes a long way in drama competitions. And, teens are actually relating to a Greek tragedy with this entry, which she sees as a great educational experience.

Andover is performing Act II of the play because it includes all cast members. In addition, the second act is "more self-contained and has a resolution at the end," Sepich said.

Andover is competing against St. Mary's Regional, Beverly Masconomet, Saugus, Ipswich, and Stoneham high schools along with St. John's Prepatory School. The three winners will move on to the semi-finals later in the month.

Local theater buffs can take in the entire performance of *The Murder at Argos* on March 24 and 25. Show time on both nights is 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center. Tickets are $10.

Photos by Tim Jean

Jeff Kane (left photo) plays Orestes, who is imprisoned and begs for a trial in The Murders at Argos. Above right, Ruby Nieves plays the Old Woman, refilling a drink for Meghan Bradley as Helen. Brett Weiner as Tyndareus looks on at left.

New England Civic Ballet performs Sleeping Beauty

By Christine McCarthy

New England Civic Ballet's luminous production of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty* opens its second season Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College. The sold-out production of the *Nutcracker* last December shows the beauty of NECB's ballets, organizers said, and "*Sleeping Beauty* will be equally dazzling."

Fairies, princesses, the evil witch with her gremlins, and a host of fairy tale characters will charm families as well as patrons of ballet arts.

"*The Sleeping Beauty* is *the* eternal love story that touches both the heart and soul," says Phyllis George, co-artistic director. "It awakens the hopeful romantic in all of us."

NECB's cast composed entirely of Merrimack Valley dancers performs this timeless love story set in a magical tale. The familiar story will allow children and adults to follow the tale while delighting in the beauty of the dancing. Local dancers include E.B. McCarthy, Ariel Twohig, Hillary Wacks – each performing exquisite choreography in a role significant to the ballet's story, George said.

New England Civic Ballet continues its tradition of providing 70 young dancers from throughout the region a chance to perform in professional ballet productions based solely on talent and accomplishment. The directors cast all roles from the January open audition. The *Sleeping Beauty* choreography includes a cast full of unique roles letting each dancer perform exquisite choreography and contribute to the story line.

According to Roshni Pecora, co-artistic director, "the *Sleeping Beauty* cast is a true ensemble. Everyone has to portray a distinctive personality that reflects the music and the choreography. Each character tells a part of the story, so every dancer is the most important person in the story while she or he is dancing."

Friday's production is at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

For tickets and additional information, contact New England Civic Ballet, 87 Swan St., Methuen, MA; call 975-0289; or visit <necballet@aol.com>.

Sunday concert at the Library

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library will present a recital by tenor Allen Combs, with pianist Leonardo Ciampa, on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

Entitled "Art Songs and Heart Songs from the Romantic Age," the program will feature works by Brahms, Grieg, Tchaikovsky and Faure, as well as a selection of Italian songs and Victorian ballads by various composers.

Cavatina dúo — Stevens Memorial Library will present a special concert program featuring international musicians Cavatina dúo next Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Flautist Eugenia Moliner and guitarist Denis Azabagic will perform "a captivating mix of chamber music," including several selections from their recent and highly acclaimed CD, *Cavatina dúo*. Moliner and Azabagic, internationally acclaimed musicians for their individual artistry, are now receiving critical acclaim for their work together. The concert, which is supported by a grant from the North Andover Council for the Arts, is free and open to the public. Call 688-9505 for more information.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Parents Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, with Andover High students talking about transitioning to high school, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School; Norma Villarreal 475-4485.

Jazz, Liz Lannon Trio, 8 p.m., Palmer's Restaurant, Elm Street.

Preview showing, *WOMEN*, 6-10 p.m., Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, 172 Middle St., Lowell; (978)853-0229.

Exhibit opening, *Sea, Land, Sky*, in honor of Irish History Month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 470-0200.

Death in England, Georgetown Theatre Workshop, 8 p.m., $8, 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; Elaine Kimball (978)352-2564.

Program of One-Act Plays, 7:30 p.m., $12, Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble, 395 Main St., Stoneham; (781)279-2200.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

The Sleeping Beauty, New England Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m., $15 adults, $12 children, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College; 975-0289.

Opening, *Interiors*, in honor of Women's History Month, including works by Emily Trespas of Andover, 5-7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Political forum for Andover candidates, 9:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, Bartlett Street.

Irish authors weekend, noon-4 p.m., free, South Lawrence Branch Library, 135 Parker St., Lawrence; 683-9007.

Castleberry Faire, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., $4, under 14 free, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington; (603)755-2166.

A Chorus Line, Pingree Players, 7:30 p.m., $8 adults, $6 children, Pingree School, South Hamilton; (978)468-4415.

Live comedy, John David, Brian Apprille, Phil Doyle, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Death in England, *see March 1 entry.*

Program of One-Act Plays, *8 p.m., see March 1 entry.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Game Board Bonanza, sponsored by Community Services, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., small fee charged per competition, West Middle School, for parents and children, registration encouraged; 623-8274.

Massachusetts High School Drama Festival preliminary round, featuring one-act plays performed by local high-schoolers, including Andover High at 1 p.m.; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., $6, Collins Center; 470-2565.

YMCA's Sports, leisure auction, $30 per person, Wyndham Hotel, Andover; 686-6191.

Concert, *Faith and all that Jazz*, the first program in the South Winds spring series, with Rev. Dr. Kirk Jones, Phillips Academy Faculty Jazz Band, 5 p.m., South Church.

Winter Ball, sponsored by Newcomers Club of the Andovers, 7:30 p.m., $38 per person, One Mill Street, 1 Mill St., Lawrence; Tracy Egan 475-2686.

Lydian String Quartet concert, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 749-4263.

6-mile hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, meet at 12:30 p.m. at maintenance area on Red Spring Road; Dennis Crispo 474-0790 <DCrispo@tensolite.com>.

Exhibit opening, *WOMEN*, noon-5 p.m., Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, 172 Middle St., Lowell; (978)853-0229.

Shamrock Revue, featuring Irish music, dancing, 8 p.m., $20-$25, Cyrus W. Irish Auditorium, Lowell High School, 50 French St., Lowell; (978)459-0561.

Poetry workshop for children, 1-3 p.m., $4, Whistler House Museum, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978)452-7641.

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Live comedy, John David, Brian Apprille, Phil Doyle, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

The Sleeping Beauty, 2, 7 p.m., see March 2 entry.

A Chorus Line, *see March 2 entry.*

Program of One-Act Plays, *8 p.m., see March 1 entry.*

Castleberry Faire, *see March 2 entry.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Benefit concert, Kuumba Singers of Harvard College, 3 p.m., $15, $10 seniors, under 12, benefits Andover A Better Chance, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 474-0522.

Purim Carnival, 12:30 p.m., Congregation Tefereth Israel, 501 S. Main St.; 474-0540.

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...About Anne, Salome Jen's production of Anne Sexton's poetry, 3 p.m., $15, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Chamber music concert, Essex Chamber Music Players, $8, $5 seniors, students, 4 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; (978)556-3413.

State judo championship, 10 a.m, $2 per family, Shawsheen Tech Regional High School, 100 Cook St., Billerica.

Jazz/blues party, 5:30-9 p.m., Palmer's Restaurant, Elm Street.

Soccer tryouts, United Soccer Academy, 9-11 a.m., Acton Indoor Sports, Acton; (800)656-5499.

Marjorie Agosin, Latin-American Jewish author, talk and book-signing, 9:30 a.m., Temple Emanuel; Anita Adams 470-1356.

Auditions, for *Two By Two,* Valley Players, noon-3 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978)388-9444.

Carnival of the Animals puppet show, presented by String Currents ensemble in residency at UMass Lowell, 2 p.m., $9, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; (978)934-4444.

Mill Girls of Lowell Tour, 2:30-4 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; (978)970-5000.

Program of One-Act Plays, *2, 7:30 p.m., see March 1 entry.*

Castleberry Faire, *see March 2 entry.*

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Baskets meeting, a support group for parents of chronically inflexible children, 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School cafeteria; Beth Edelstein 475-3759.

Women's Week Breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m., $15, American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell.

Lecture on Peruvian culture, 7 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Amesbury Street, Lawrence; 749-4490.

Workshop on garden planting and soil, $5, 7:30 p.m., Smith Hall, Essex Agricultural School, Rte. 62, Danvers; Dan Tremblay (978)777-2711.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Jazz, The Chris Taylor Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Taste of Judaism course, 7:30-9:30 p.m., free, Temple Emanuel; (781)449-0404.

Herbalist Barbara Hawkes, discusses cooking with herbs, sponsored by Andover Garden Club, 12:30 p.m., $5, Unitarian Universalist Church, Locke Street; 475-5168.

What about the Boys?, discussion sponsored by Parent to Parent, 7:30-9:30 p.m., West Middle School auditorium; Barbara Jezak 474-0387.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

City of God lecture on Augustine and the Jews, 7 p.m., Merrimack College, Cascia Hall; 837-5217.

Parenting your 6- to 10-year-old, sponsored by Families First, 7:30-9 p.m., $15 per person, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St.; (617)868-7687.

Samaritans information night, 7-8:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 688-0030.

Mini slide shows, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. meeting, 8:30 a.m., $10, Village Green Restaurant, Rte. 1, Danvers; Terri (781)558-1367.

Workshop, Acquisition and Appraisal of Historical Records, with Melissa Mannon, archival consultant, 7-9 p.m., Peabody Historical Society Firehouse Museum, Brooks-by Farm, Peabody; (978)740-0444.

David - The Musical, 8 p.m., Emerson Majestic Theatre, Boston; (617)824-8000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Benefit art auction, 7 p.m., $10, Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Family Fun Fest, 6:30-9:30 p.m., $10 per family, Doherty Middle School; Sue Rice 475-2357.

Jazz concert, Marcus Roberts and the Marcus Roberts Trio, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Music Man, 8 p.m., $10, South Church, 41 Central St.; 475-0321.

Wind in the Willows, Concord Youth Theatre, 7:30 p.m., $8.50-$12, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978)371-1482.

Kerouac birthday celebration, beginning at 4 p.m., free, featuring films, readings, music, various venues around Lowell, (978)452-7641.

Antique show, sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., $3, Union Church of Stow, Rte. 117, Stow; (978)562-5802.

Dottie Mae and the Country Echoes, 8 p.m., Giordano's Peppercorn Pub, Rte. 97, Georgetown; (978)352-7300.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Jon Fisch, Mike Baker, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Author reading, Dr. Henry Everett, 2-3 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)491-0143.

Dr. Henry Everett

Reading, *On the Road,* in honor of Kerouac's birthday celebration, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., free, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978)970-0755.

Panel discussion, *Contemporary South Asian Artists from the diaspora: A multicultural Mosaic,* 2 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978)459-7819.

Stamp show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; 474-4674.

Concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus and Orchestra, 8 p.m., $14, First Parish Unitarian Church, 225 Cabot St., Beverly; (888)-CHORUS-1.

Arts Fair 2001, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; (781)242-5500.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Jon Fisch, Mike Baker, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Music Man, see March 9 entry.

Antique show, sale, see March 9 entry.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., $12 adults, $8 children, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; (978)372-8237.

Recital, featuring tenor Allen Combs with pianist Leonardo Ciampa, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Music Man, *2 p.m, see March 9 entry.*

Stamp show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; 474-4674.

The Kuumba Singers, the 70-voice choir of singers from Harvard University, bring their unique and spirited musical gifts to Andover in a special concert on Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. The program will explore and share the choir's rich tradition of African folk songs, spirituals, gospel and contemporary music. 'Kuumba' is a Swahili word, which loosely translated means "creativity" – the hallmark of the group's mission to celebrate creativity and the spirituality of black peoples through song. The choir is well-known for its highly energetic and lively musical renditions. The concert benefits the Andover chapter of A Better Chance (ABC), the organization that brings talented minority students from inner cities to live and study in Andover while attending Andover High. Under the direction of Sheldon K. Reid, the Kuumba Singers will be joined in concert by the Phillips Academy Gospel choir, whose director is David Coleman. Tickets are $15 for general admission; $10 for seniors and children under 12. They are available at Andover High School, the Andover Bookstore, the Andover Senior Center, the Pike School Business Office, and at the door.

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No trees were harmed in the publishing of her online books

By Adam Groff

Louise Hart believes in tree-hugging.

"A tree is a community," she says, "and it's an individual. A tree is nondiscriminatory. It gives more than it takes, and that's a responsible being. Trees give us the air we breathe. They teach us that we all live in a community."

In celebration of trees, Hart last year produced her *Book of Trees*, and coming out this year is the *Book of Trees II*, both through the Internet publisher E-dition.net. Only available online, these "e-books" consist of her poetry along with photographs Hart took of trees in her back yard on Heather Drive.

◀ Louise Hart says she has found a real niche in Internet publishing.

The author is surrounded by a "community of trees" in her back yard on Heather Drive. ▶

Photos by Tim Jean

Hart has been doing a lot of publishing on the Internet lately: cookbooks, children's books, short stories, essays, humor, fiction and historical nonfiction.

"I've been writing poetry since I was 5," says Hart.

Today, she maintains relationships with four different Internet publishers while running her business consulting firm, Louise Hart Associates, and presiding over her non-profit corporation, Artspeak Inc., designed to promote careers in the arts.

"I was told when I was young, 'If you're going to write, be prepared to experience all of life,'" she says. "And I do."

Hart says she was inspired to assemble the *Book of Trees* when she was on a consulting trip to Alabama and she met a couple whose son had cerebral palsy.

"They indicated that they felt their child was exempt from learning or from obeying God's laws because of his disability," says Hart, whose own two sons both have special needs. "And I said, 'Excuse me?' I told them, 'Take the child to the trees.' I never make the presumption that these children can't learn."

A special-needs advocate for years, Hart says she is gratified at the strides that have been taken to include special-needs children in the educational system. One of her sons is now a teacher for the brain-injured and learning-disabled.

"He's part of the first generation of people coming through the system and then turning around and coming back into it to teach others," she says, "It's very gratifying."

For Hart, trees are an example of a perfectly integrated community, one from which all people, regardless of ability, can learn. She says the sheer variety of trees, and the variety of life forms that live in and around them, serve as an example for human society.

"They need the seasons, the rhythm of life," she says. "Last year's leaves become this year's fertilizer. They host all kinds of animals, insects and birds. They live through storms and harsh weather, things that we think are awful. They live until they die. That's a very important message."

And that is only one of her messages, and only one of her books. She says she has found a real niche in Internet publishing.

"The opportunities on the Internet are really exciting," she says. "You have more control as a writer. You're not limited. But at the same time, the demands on you as a writer are far greater."

Hart relishes these demands. She says that last year she turned out a quarter of a million words in six months. Some of her publishers, like E-dition.net, create multi-media experiences out of her work, combining her words with images and music. That is what E-dition did last year with her work in *Prayers for the Temple Within*. Although E-dition only creates "e-books," Hart says some of her other publishers, such as Sirius Publications, are "print-on-demand," meaning hard copies of her books are printed as they are ordered. Still others, like Booklocker.com, use both methods.

"The reason I've been so successful on the Internet is that I can write in any genre," says Hart, who has a contract with Sirius to turn out 26 mini-cookbooks this year. Hart says she spent years writing a syndicated column called "The Valley Gourmet." Her story collection *What Does a Tick Sound Like?*, geared toward children with special needs, is due out soon, as is *The Boy Who Knew and Other Stories*. In addition, Hart is working on a novel.

"I just have that facility for turning out material," she says.

Louise Hart's work is available on the Internet at <www.e-dition.net>, <www.booklocker.com>, <www.sirius-books.com>, and <www.ebooksonthe.net>.

Tiger Cub takes the top prize at the annual Pack 77 Pinewood Derby

Alex Davidson won the Cub Scout Pack 77 Pinewood Derby Championship before a standing-room-only crowd of parents, siblings, friends, and relatives at the West Parish Church's Fellowship Hall in Andover recently.

Alex, a member of the Tiger Cub Den the youngest of Cub Scouts cheered as his sleek, 5-ounce *White Lightning* racer flew down the 35-foot track in under 2.5 seconds, just edging out Chris Hanson's *Red Rumbler* by a few hundredths of a second.

The race was the final contest of this year's annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, which saw Brendan Hudak place third behind Davidson and Hanson.

The Pinewood Derby is an annual event, run by Cub Scout organizations across the country, in which the scouts and their helpers design, build and race cars fashioned from a five-ounce block of pine and four plastic wheels with metal axles. In addition to the top three racers in the pack, trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in each den and to the owner of the car judged to be the most original design in each den.

From left are Chris Hanson, Alex Davidson (holding his winning car), and Brendan Hudak.

A total of 35 cars were entered by boys aged 7 to 12 in the Pack 77 derby. The top three finishers in each den are eligible to compete in the regional derby, which through elimination leads to a national championship later this year.

The winners in each den of Pack 77 were as follows:

Tiger Cub Den: Alex Davidson, first; R.H. Young, second; Sam Pratt, third; and R.H. Young, most original.

Wolf Den: Chris Newton, first; Andrew Tubinis, second; Zach McAnally, third.

Bear Den: Eric Struhl, first; Patrick Sullivan, second; Ryan Roberge, third; and Charlie Nickerson, most original.

Webelos Den: Chris Hanson, first; Brendan Hudak, second; Alex Lennon, third; and Sam Dempsey, most original.

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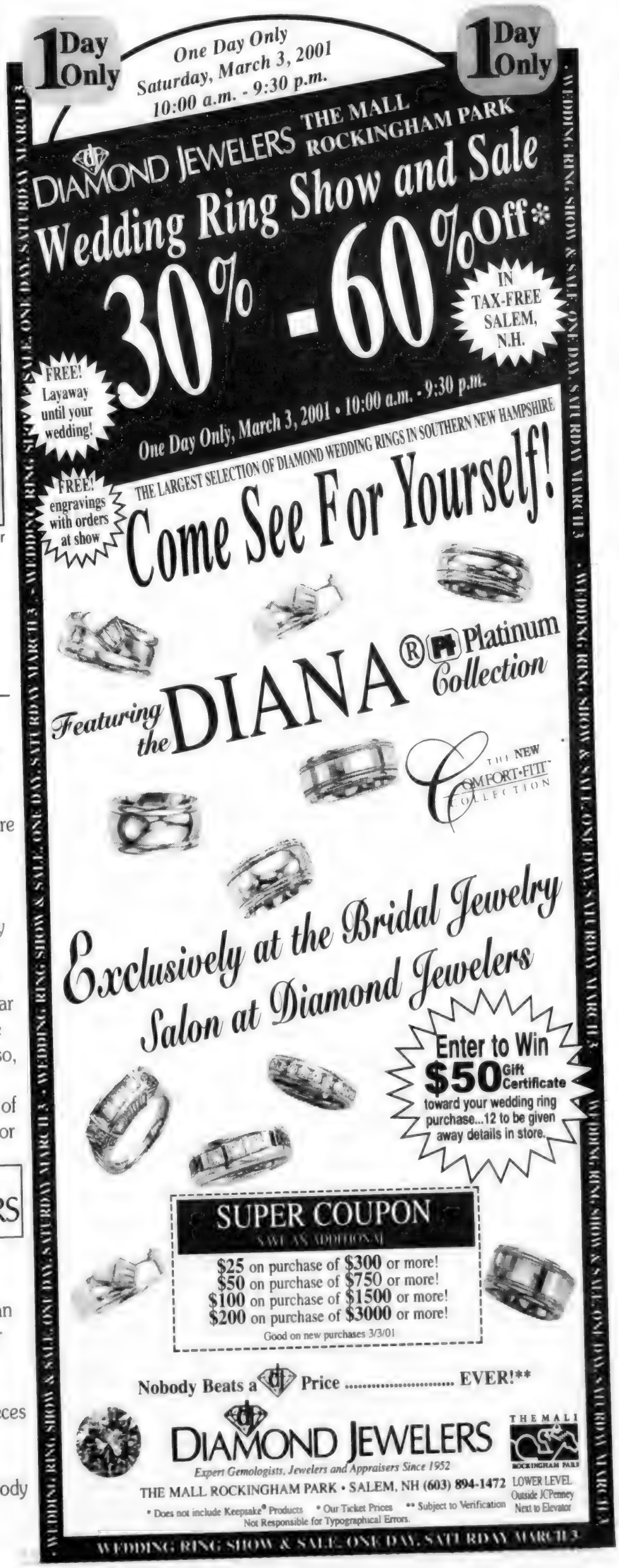

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Albrite sells a wide selection of area rugs, including hand made Orientals which are also available as stair runners. Customers have over 500 rugs to chose from. The store is an affiliated of "Abbey Carpet" store which "gives me the buying power of 750 stores which means good prices for the customer," Mr. Abdinoor said.

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PorterHouse's owner, Phil Porter, will be featured at the piano bar on weekends and other times during the week.

Phil has appeared at the Newport Jazz Festival three times and has been a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall in New York City, The Hollywood Bowl, the Johnny Carson and Smothers Brothers television shows, toured Japan and Africa and has been a featured soloist with Xavier Cugat and Charo, The Ray Anthony Orchestra, Harry "Sweets" Edison, Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis from the Count Basie Orchestra, "Cat" Anderson and Johnny Hodges from the Duke Ellington Orchestra and country star Lee Greenwood.

PorterHouse

Phil was an original member of the jazz-rock group "Chase," which featured his solo on the hit "Get it on" from their first album on Epic Records, which went "gold." The group was voted No. 1 by "Downbeat Magazine" and was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1971.

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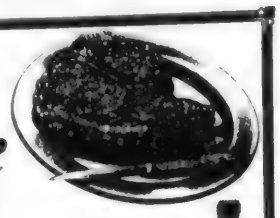
PorterHouse



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PorterHouse prides itself on serving only the freshest products available. We make all of our soups, sauces and chowders the old-fashioned way... we make them from scratch! We serve only deep-sea shrimp not black tiger, and we make crab cakes and crab stuffed sole with 100% crabmeat not imitation. Except for our tuna fish, you will not find anything on our menu that came from a can.

PorterHouse has a wide range of beef entrees with something sure to please - whether it is the bacon wrapped Filet Mignon, or the USDA choice Sirloin, Delmonico, or grilled prime rib. All our steaks come with your choice of Au Jus, Demi-glace or Béarnaise Sauce. We even offer an 8oz. Black Angus hamburger!

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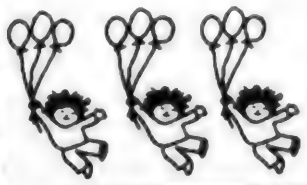

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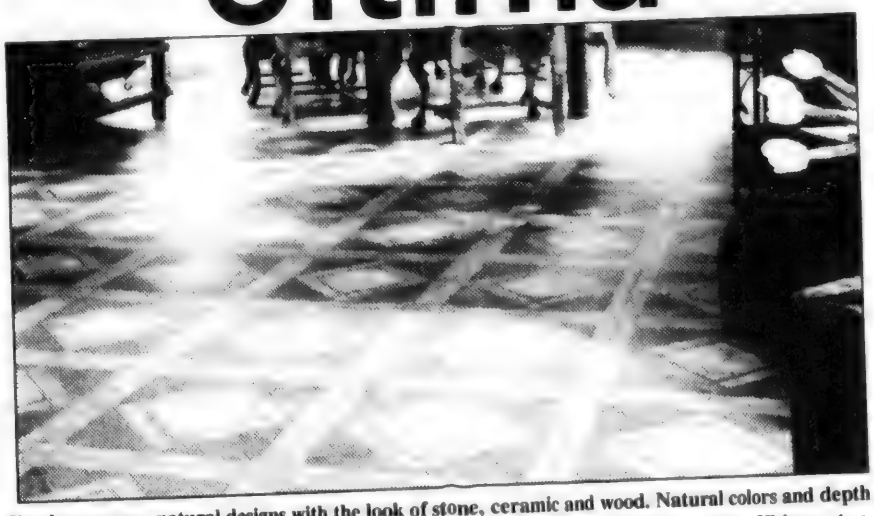

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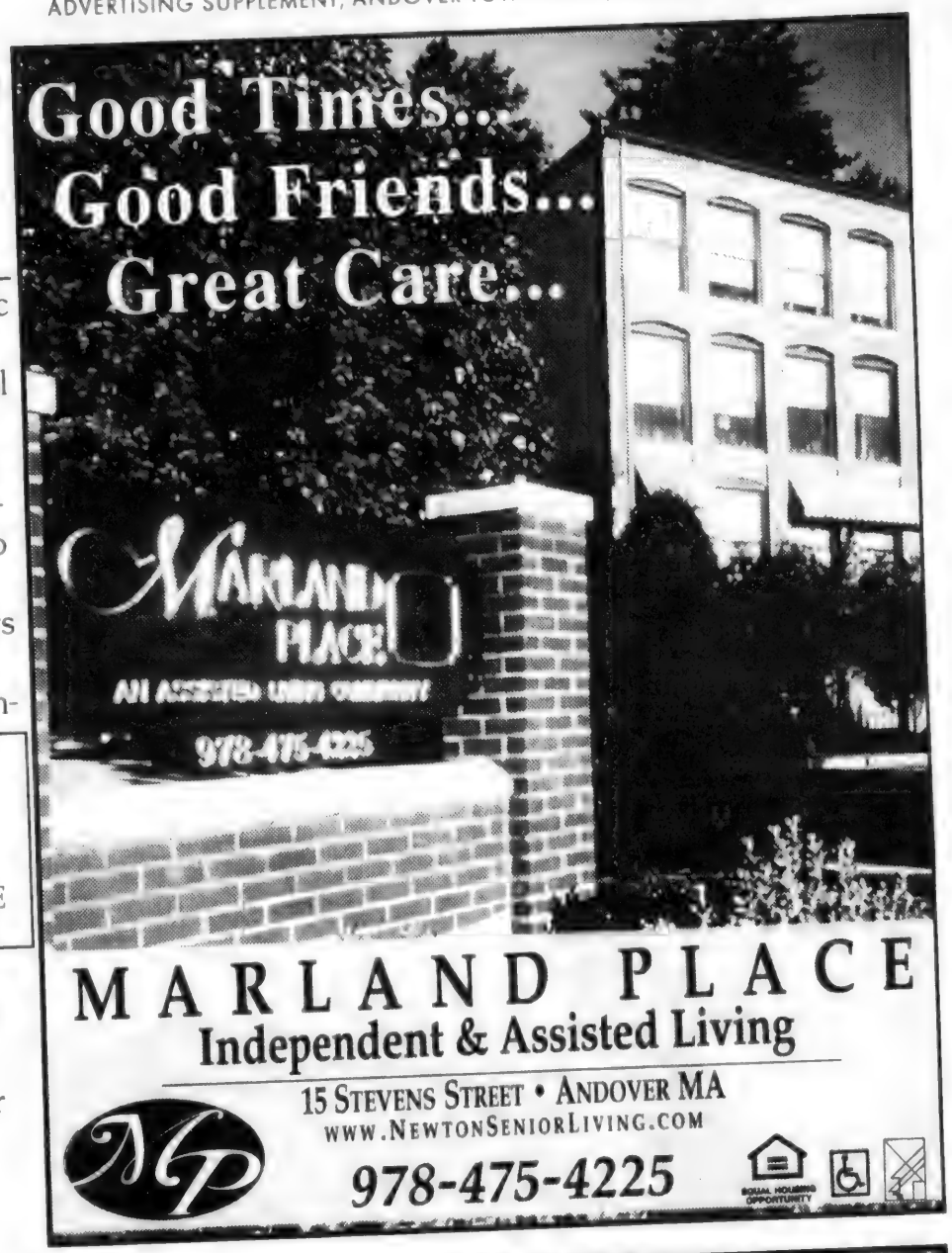

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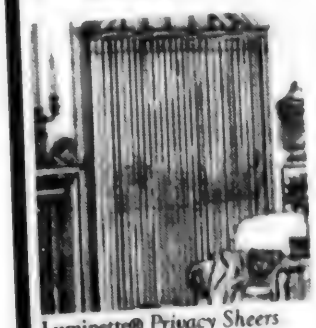

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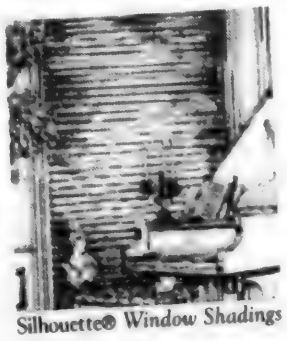

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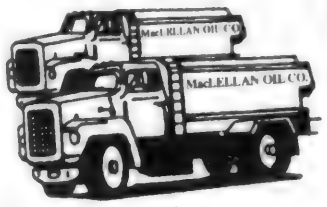

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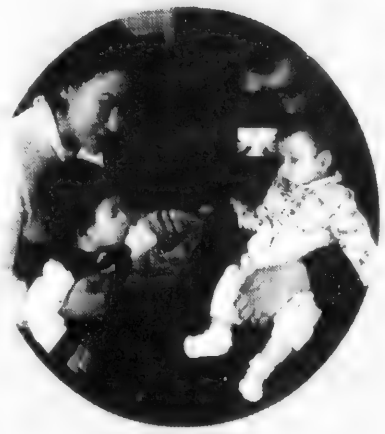

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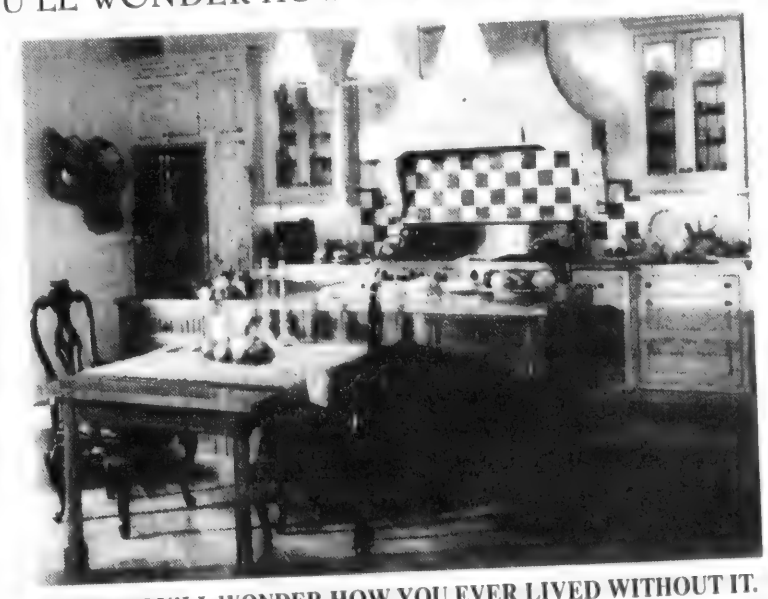

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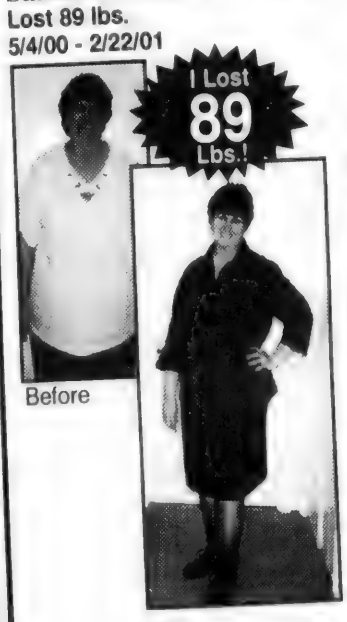

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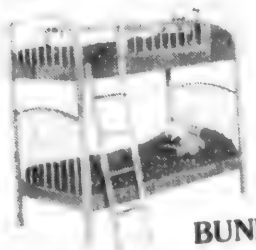

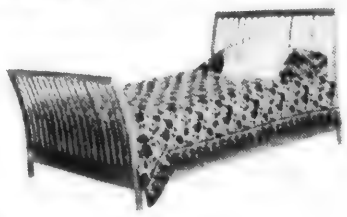

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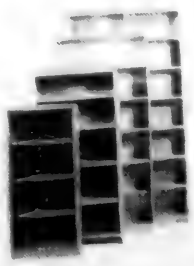

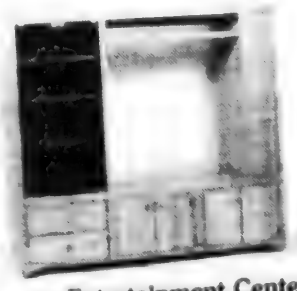

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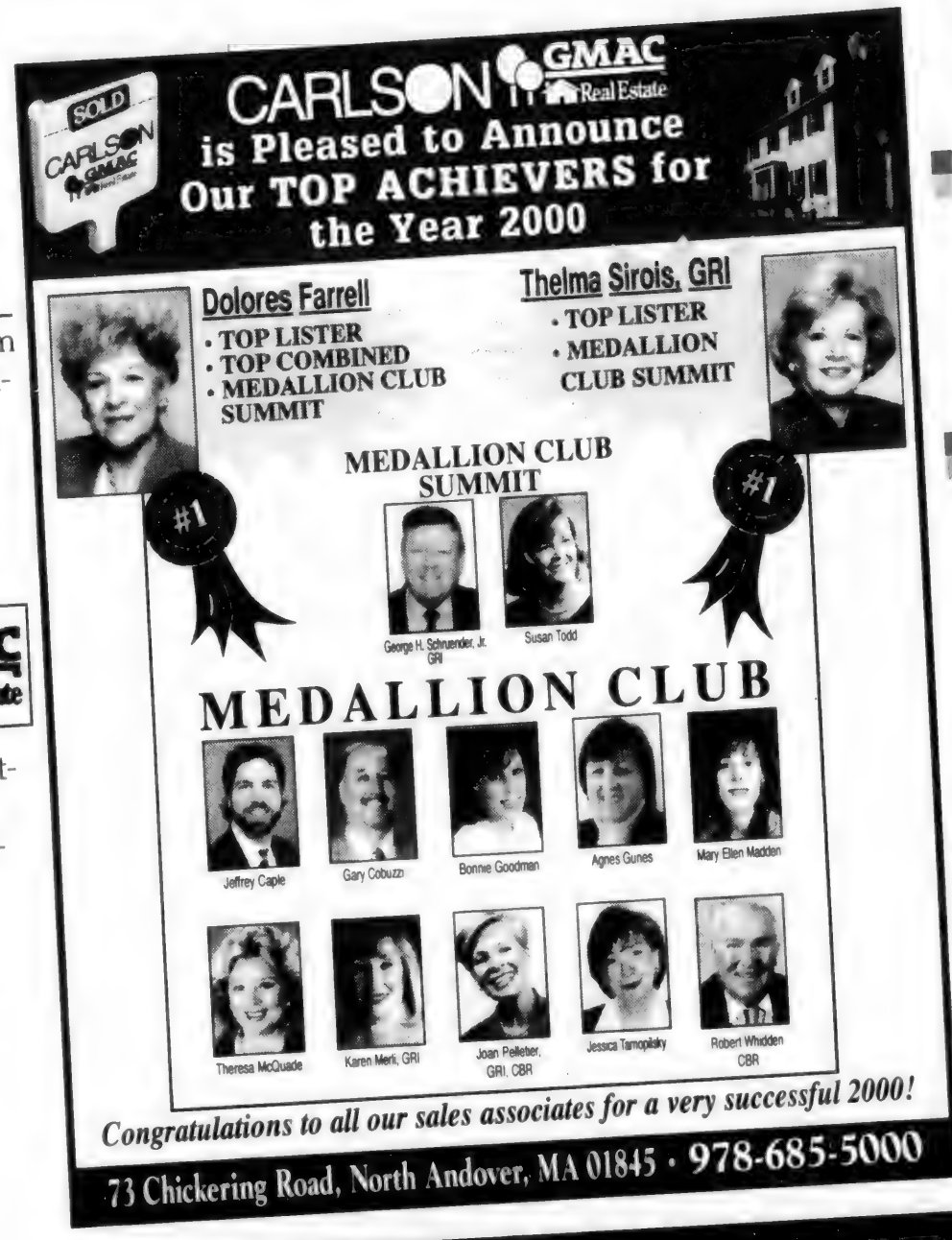

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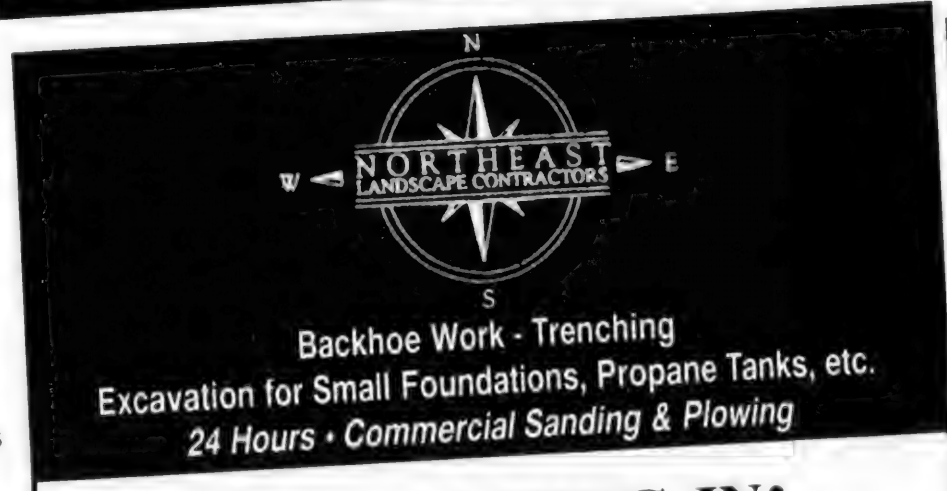

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Quota International of Andover recently welcomed five new members to its organization, in an initiation ceremony. From left are: Tina Cummings of North Reading, Linda Waxman of North Andover, Quota District Governor Sue d'Angelo, Barbara Biondi of North Andover, and Joan Rosenblatt of Andover. Not pictured is new member Wilda Squires of Andover. Quota is a service organization whose mission is to assist victims of domestic violence as well as the speech and hearing impaired. For more information about Quota, call Marsha Cohen at 475-3904.
[*Editors note: Due to an editing error, this caption was published in last week's edition under the photo positioned at top right. It is shown correctly here.*]

The YWCA of Greater Lawrence was recently chosen as the beneficiary of the first annual charitable event of the Lanam Club, an art auction Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m., featuring original artwork in a range of styles and values. Proceeds will benefit the YWCA's Domestic Violence Program, which serves women and children throughout the Merrimack Valley. Friends of the Lanam Club will coordinate and host the auction. From left are club members Eleanor Clark and Eileen Novelline, both of Andover; chair Kathleen Droste of Boxford; Nora Massiello, L.A. Tarantino and Judy Reghitto, all of Andover; Marilyn Steinert of North Andover; and Christine Doherty of the YWCA of Greater Lawrence. Other club members working to make the auction a success include Judith Cronin and Lillian Margolis of Andover; and Clare Coco and Lisa Miragliotta of North Andover. The Lanam Club was founded in 1957 by a group of Greater Lawrence business and community leaders who chose the club's name to reflect the surrounding communities of Lawrence, Andover, North Andover, and Methuen. For more information about the event, call Droste at 475-9815 or Doherty at 687-0331, Ext. 21.

Newcomers' First Winter Ball Saturday

The Newcomers' Club of the Andovers will host "The Newcomers' First Winter Ball" on Saturday, March 3 from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at One Mill Street, the Commonwealth Room, located at 1 Mill St., Lawrence.

Entertainment will be provided by disc jockey Steve Binder.

Tickets are $38 per person and black tie is optional. There will be a cash bar.

For more information, call Liz Lamoreaux at 749-0989 or Tracy Egan at 475-2686.

Friends of the Library plan art auction

A benefit art auction will be held Friday, March 9, 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

An array of art including watercolors, porcelain, oils and photography showcasing local artists will be sold. Debby Dubay of Limoge Antiques and Mark Spencer of Carriage House Photography will serve as the evening's auctioneers. Bidding begins at 8 p.m.

Admission is $10 per person and includes wine and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at the library circulation desk, Andover Bookstore, Carriage House Photography, and at the door.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Memorial Hall Library, the proceeds from the auction will benefit the many programs held at the library, equipment, and materials. Examples include children and adult programs, museum passes, Sunday concerts, Wednesday morning programs, Fish Over Andover, and support for the library's upcoming renovations.

For more information, call the Memorial Hall Library at 623-8400.

Andover Garden Club's March meeting explore growing and cooking with herbs

The Andover Garden Club's March meeting will include a lecture by herbalist Barbara

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OBITUARIES

Attley M. Nason

Dedicated her life to serving others

Attley M. (Coolidge) Nason, 88, of the Ballardvale section of Andover, died Sunday, Feb. 25 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Nason was a registered nurse at Lawrence General Hospital until 1957.

Born in Conway, N.H., she moved to Ballardvale when she was young. She graduated from Punchard High School in 1930 and Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing in 1934.

"Her life was one of caring and service to others," family members said.

Mrs. Nason was a member of Ballardvale Methodist Church until 1957, when she was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She served as a relief society president for 15 years, and completed a yearlong mission as an ordinance worker in the Washington, D.C., temple.

She gave performances at the World's Fair and with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

She was the widow of Lewis P. Nason.

Members of her family include two sons and daughters-in-law, George L. and Audrey J. Nason of Ballardvale, and Paul W. and Sandra Nason of Haverhill; a daughter, Joyce Lee Decker of Mancos, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also guardian to Karon Coverston of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements were by Rosinski Salem Street Funeral Home, 85 Salem St., Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to HomeHealth VNA, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843; Lawrence General Hospital, care of the foundation office, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01844; or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 39 Hill St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Laurie Everett Jules

Phillips Academy 1943 grad

Laurie Everett Jules, 76, of Simsbury, Conn., died Sunday, Feb. 25 at Hartford Hospital.

Mr. Jules was born in Lynn and grew up in West Acton. He was a 1943 graduate of Phillips Academy and a 1950 graduate of Yale University, where he majored in English. He was very active in athletics at Phillips and was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity at Yale.

In 1993, he served as chairman of the 50th class reunion at Phillips.

He was a US Navy veteran of World War II and his unit was attached to the Marine Corps in the South Pacific.

He had a 30-year career with the Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Inc. of Simsbury on the space and sea systems team, which developed life support systems for NASA's Apollo mission.

Mr. Jules was also a master mason and a member of St. Mark's Lodge in Simsbury. He was a member the First Church of Christ Congregational in Simsbury and the Navy League.

Members of his family include his two daughters, Deborah Windsor Jules of Simsbury and Susan Everett Jules of New Britain, Conn.; a sister, Barbara Jules Gage of Pasadena, Calif.; and his best friend, Maria S. Honiss of Simsbury.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ Congregational, 689 Hopemeadow St., Simsbury, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Phillips Academy, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements are by John P. Rowe Funeral Home, 57 Main St., Marlborough, MA 01753.

Diane Shuster

Member of Temple Emanuel

Diane (Greenstein) Shuster, 88, of Andover, died Friday, Feb. 23 at Coolidge Eldercare Center in Brookline after a brief illness.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Shuster lived in Mattapan and Stoughton for many years, moving to Andover 10 years ago.

Mrs. Shuster was a member of Temple Emanuel and its Sisterhood. She knitted garments for the needy, giving her goods to Hadassah and other organizations.

She was the widow of Harry Shuster.

Members of her family include a son, Marvin Shuster of Reading; a sister, Selma Keltz; and a brother, Jack Greenstein.

Arrangements were by Goldman-Fisher Funeral Chapel, 174 Ferry St., Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths Elsewhere

DONAHUE – Walter J. "Danny" Donahue, 78, of Lawrence, died Thursday, Feb. 22 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his stepson, Richard Guilmette of Andover.

FRENCH – Margaret V. (Scanlon) French, 103, of Methuen, died Sunday, Feb. 25 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol French of Andover.

'Faith and All That Jazz'

The South Winds worship series will start this Saturday, March 3, at South Church, Central Street, with a jazz service entitled "Faith and All That Jazz." The Rev. Dr. Kirk Jones of Andover Newton Theological Seminary will be the worship leader and music will be provided by the Phillips Academy Faculty Jazz Band featuring selections of sacred jazz by Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, George Winston, and others.

Other featured speakers scheduled for this spring include Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Rev. Elisabeth Stookey, and Dr. Timothy Johnson. Musical guests will include The Blessed Gospel Choir, recording artist Noel Smith and Noel Paul Stookey of Peter Paul and Mary.

Organizers describe South Winds as an innovative, alternative worship series open to all. The services take place every other Saturday at 5 p.m. at South Church.

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Hawkes, owner of Old Hill Herbs. The theme of the lecture will be cooking with herbs that homeowners can grow in their own North Shore gardens.

The program, open to both members and nonmembers, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Tuesday, March 6. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and run for approximately two hours. The nonmember admission fee of $5 includes coffee, tea, and refreshments, which will feature herbal treats.

Old Hill Herbs, founded in 1979, is a source for hard-to-find herb plants. In addition to herb plants, the Marblehead workshop features herbal products, original formulas, and designs. Hawkes maintains a small greenhouse and a half acre of gardens, where herbs are used as borders and ground covers. She welcomes visitors.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership cochair Louise Ponti at (978) 475-5168 or jtponti@aol.com.

Purim Carnival set

All members of the community are welcome to attend Temple Emanuel's Children's Purim Carnival. The carnival, which is being held on Sunday, March 4 at 12:30 p.m. at the Temple, will feature games, food, face painting, fake tattoos, raffles, a photo booth and prizes.

Questions? Call Temple Emanuel at 470-1356.

Samaritans info night

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley will hold an information night for new volunteers on Wednesday, March 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to staff the 24-hour crisis phone lines, befriending the lonely, despairing, depressed and suicidal.

Teen volunteers 16 and older are also needed.

All phone work takes place in Methuen.

The information night will be held at the Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen.

Registration is required; call 688-0030.

Start saving returnables for the AHS Band

The Andover High School Marching Band will hold their annual bottle drive on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of West Middle School.

Aluminum cans, glass, and plastics will be collected.

If you are unable to drop off your items, call Gloria Davis at 475-8489 for a pick-up.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center (please note that advance sign-up is necessary for many of the programs):

Exercise Registration: We are currently accepting registrations for all spring exercise classes, which begin the week of March 12. If you are interested in signing up for tai chi, men's exercise, low-impact aerobics, yoga, line dance, strength-training for women, or water workout, stop into the center prior to the start of the next session.

Candidates' Coffee: We invite all interested citizens of Andover to join us tomorrow, Friday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. to meet the candidates running for selectmen, school committee, housing authority and moderator in the upcoming town election. Take advantage of the opportunity to get to know the candidates positions and priorities for the town before you go out to vote. Morning refreshments will be served.

Music Appreciation Class: Our music appreciation instructor, Ivan Stefanov, will be returning for an eight-week course on French music beginning Tuesday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m. Curriculum will include works by Debussy, Ravel, Roussel, Bizet and others along with study of French romantic opera and live flute performances. Cost of the course is $30 and those who are interested are asked to register prior to the first day of class.

Newcomers' Morning: Everyone's invited to drop into our next newcomers' morning scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. We welcome anyone desiring information about what the center has to offer to stop in at this time to meet the staff, tour the center, and find out about the many opportunities that are available.

Intergenerational Class: This is an opportunity to enjoy a unique and exciting intergenerational course, American History Through Music. The classes will take place at Andover High School from 12:40 to 2 p.m. on the following dates: March 12, 14, 20, 22, 24 and 26. Jim and Maggie Dalton, musical historians, will be in residence with us for all sessions, and topics to be covered will begin with the colonial period and move up through immigrant influences, the rise of the minstrel shows, the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, Tin Pan Alley and ragtime, blues and pre-jazz. This program is sponsored in part by the Andover Arts Lottery Council. Registration will take place only through the senior center, and cost of the course is $10. Early sign-up would be greatly appreciated.

Orchid Show: We are currently accepting reservations for our trip to the New Hampshire Orchid Society Show on Friday, March 9. Cost of the trip is $15, which includes admission, tour and transportation. Following the show, we'll enjoy lunch together at the Weathervane Restaurant in Nashua, where we will order off the menu. If you'd like to travel with us to enjoy these beautiful and exotic flowers, just drop into the center to register.

We're Looking: We're looking for white baskets in good condition, for spring crafts. If you have any to spare, we'd appreciate it if you would keep us in mind.

Visiting Artist: If you'd like to try something easy and different, plan to join us on Tuesday, March 13 at 9 a.m. Joan Wilde will lead a demonstration/workshop in pointillism, which dates back to the time of the Impressionists, the art of working with primary colors to achieve a bright visual effect. If you'd like to give this method a try, just bring a light pencil sketch to class along with some small point magic markers. Please call the center to register.

Computer Users Group: The next meeting of our computer users group will take place on Monday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Anyone interested in swapping ideas, comparing notes, or sharing successes and frustrations is welcome to attend. For further information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116.

St. Pat's Celebration: You won't want to miss Kevin Farley and his one man show, "A Bit Of The Irish" on Thursday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. Irish music, songs, jokes, and refreshments. Tickets are available at the center at a cost of $3.

Men's Breakfast: The monthly men's breakfast will take place on Friday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m., featuring the presentation, "Penguin Primer," a PowerPoint program and lecture with Heather Urquhart. Urquhart, a director at the New England Aquarium, is an authority in researching penguins and their habitats. Reservations cost $3.

Flower Arranging Workshop: Celebrate the arrival of spring with a flower arranging workshop Monday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Cost is $10, which includes instruction, all flowers and materials, oasis and tools. Bring your own small- to medium-size container.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, March 12 at 1 p.m. we will be showing the movie *Regarding Henry*. Harrison Ford stars in this dramatic and heartwarming film about a successful lawyer whose life is changed forever by an unexpected twist of fate. Andover Video supports this program.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop will be open for business Tuesday, March 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. If you have an item that's in need of repair, stop in and see one of our volunteers.

BIRTHS

BRINK – A daughter, Katherine Mary Brink, born to Tara (Doyle) and Scott Brink of Chapman Avenue, on Feb. 19 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Timothy and MaryAnne Doyle of Old Saybrook, Conn., and Michael and Janet Brink of Andover. Katherine joins Caroline Mary.

CAMILLI – A daughter, Abigail Rose Camilli, born to Robert and Joelle Camilli of Beverly on Feb. 5 at Beverly Hospital. Grandparents are Elizabeth Camilli of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., and Lauren and C. Dana Johnson, formerly of Andover, of Siesta Key, Fla.

COHEN – A daughter, Abby Moira Cohen, born to Cyd and Scott Cohen of Norwood on Jan. 29 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Kathleen A. Driscoll of Andover and the late Thomas B. Driscoll, and Samuel and Harriet Cohen of Boynton Beach, Fla.

COLECCHI – A daughter, Talia Marie Colecchi, born to Katherine (Clancy) and Christopher Colecchi of Candlewood Drive on Feb. 13 at Massachusetts General Hospital. Grandparents are John and Elena Clancy of Chelmsford and Mario and Jacqueline Colecchi of Newton. Talia joins Benjamin, 2.

DANISCH – A son, John Thomas Danisch, born to Melissa (Morris) and Gergory S. Danisch of South Main Street on Jan. 25 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Michael W. and MaryJoan M. Morris of Andover and Patricia R. Danisch of Shoreview, Minn., and the late Thomas G. Danisch. Great-grandmother is Lucille Jorgenson of Oakdale, Minn. Great-grandfather is Vincent Chiriaco of Clearwater, Fla. John joins Joseph Michael and Margaret Lucille.

DISPASQUALE – A son, David Eric DiPasquale, born to Lianza (Giacalone) and Robert A. DiPasquale of Andover, on Dec. 29, 2000 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Anna and the late Angelo Giacalone of Medford and Flora and Robert DiPasquale of Somerville. David joins Vanessa, 10, Kevin, 9, and Justine, 3.

GERARD – A daughter, Mary Elizabeth Gerard, born to Julie (Fenton) and Lawrence David Gerard of Lancaster Place, on Feb. 9 at Lowell General Hospital. Grandparents are William and Dorothy Gerard of Andover and David and Mary Fenton of Lowell and South Orleans. Mary joins Jack Fenton Gerard, 2.

HAMMOND – A daughter, Abigail Caroline Hammond, born to Alyssa S. and Eric B. Hammond of Milford on Dec. 28. Grandparents are Carol and Bruce Hammond of Andover and Arlene and Bruce Swirsky of Worcester.

POLLINI – A daughter, Catherine Delings Pollini, born to Amy (Kupferschmid) and Peter Christopher Pollini of Princeton Avenue, on Feb. 7 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Ann Pollini of Wolfeboro, N.H., and David and Janet Kupferschmid of Falmouth, Maine.

SMITH – A daughter, Isobel Hastings Smith, born to Lauren (Hastings) and Erik Smith of Avon Street, on Dec. 14 at Massachusetts General Hospital. Grandparents are Joseph Hastings of Andover and the late Cynthia Hastings, and Christopher and Olga Smith of Jupiter Island, Fla. Great-grandmother is Imelda Lampros of North Andover. Isobel joins Hugh, 5, and Gavin, 3.

WEIGHTMAN – A son, James Lisle Weightman, born to Dana (Cole) and Keith Weightman of Georgetown, on Feb. 15 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Willard and Joanne Weightman, Robin Hansen, all of Andover, and Suzanne Bates of Salem, N.H.

Business

Business briefs...

Melnikas' Red-letter day

John Melnikas of Andover received the Rodman Ford and Rodman Lincoln-Mercury's "Red Auerbach – Manager of the Year" award at the company's annual awards dinner.

"The award is given to an outstanding manager who has stamina, an excellent attitude and overcomes paradigms while achieving many goals," according to the company.

Melnikas has been MIS Manager at Rodman Lincoln-Mercury in Foxboro since December 1996.

At Gillette, Royall Mack elected VP of civic affairs

Royall Mack
Gillettee VP

Royall M. Mack Sr. of Andover, has been elected vice president of civic affairs of the Gillette Company.

Mack will lead Gillette's civic affairs programs worldwide.

He has served as vice president of retail merchandising, since 1998.

"Royall Mack brings to his new position a strong track record of achievement and commitment to Gillette's values," said Edward F. DeGraan, president and chief operating officer at Gillette.

Mack joined Gillette in 1975 as a sales representative.

He is a native of West Point, Va. and holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina AT&T State University. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management program at Harvard University Business School.

Dentist completes course

Nicholas T. Papapetros II of Andover completed the Continuum Level IV course of study at the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, Fla. Papapetros took part in the week-long class, according to the institute.

Stress reduction

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of the Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women will participate in a joint meeting with Middlesex and South Middlesex Chapters on March 5 at the Sheraton Lexington Inn, Lexington.

Amy Pinkham, massage therapist from Gil's Wellness Center, will speak on "Stress Reduction and Relaxation Techniques."

Members and guests are welcome. For more information, call Wanda Pero at (781) 402-5027.

Hearing seeks input on proposed tattoo-parlor regulations

Town: Body artists need C in anatomy

By Adam Groff

A draft of town regulations for tattooing and other body art will be the subject of a public hearing at the next Board of Health meeting on Monday, March 5.

According to public health nurse Joanne Martel, the 22-page "Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners" is a combination of model regulations provided by the state Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Health Officers' Association. Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required to develop such regulations in the wake of last year's state Supreme Judicial Court ruling that overturned the state's ban on tattooing and certain other forms of body art on First Amendment grounds.

"Body art" is defined in the regulation as "the practice of physical body adornment by permitted establishments and practitioners using, but not limited to, the following techniques: body piercing, tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, branding, and scarification."

Among the notable aspects of the regulation, said Martel, is the prohibition of certain forms of body art unless performed by a medical doctor, such as piercing of the tongue, neck, ankle, or genitalia.

"(This restriction) lists things that are medically sensitive, that could cause damage," said Martel. "We don't prohibit it," she said, because the court ruling forbids prohibition. "We just put it under the medical purview and say, 'If you want to have that done, you need to go see a doctor.' We don't fully believe a piercer may have the medical knowledge to start putting needles through sensitive areas of the body."

File photo

Tattoo to-do — By law, Andover can't prohibit a body-art business from opening, but it can set regulations for how the business must operate.

To ensure a minimum level of medical knowledge, said Martel, the regulation also mandates that a body art practitioner show evidence of having passed a college course on anatomy and physiology with a grade of C or better, as well as a training program in blood-borne pathogens and certification in first aid and CPR.

"We thought a basic anatomy and physiology class would be a good thing," she said. "To deal with the body, you have to know what the body is and how it works. There are some basic medical issues that (body art practitioners) really need to understand." She cited hemophilia, hepatitis, diabetes and other diseases that affect the skin and the healing process as issues that are important to understand.

Another reason body-art practitioners need to understand disease, said Martel, is that the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits any business from turning away a customer because of a medical condition, and this would include, for example, a hemophiliac who wants a tattoo.

"I was at one conference where a piercer was being sued by a person who had been turned away," she said. "The piercer has to be able to address the person properly and say, 'I'll do it, but this is not really good for you.'"

Martel also said that the health department is hoping to find one or more tattoo artists or piercers to attend the hearing and give their perspective.

"Most of those who have come forward want the regulations," she said, in order to give legitimacy to their trade. "They want to get rid of underground piercers and so on, because it causes problems. They want to mainstream the profession."

Martel encouraged public attendance at the hearing.

"I hope that people come," she said. "The regulation is only going to be as good as the people who give input."

Martel added, "Our job is to not get involved in whether it's in good taste or bad taste or morally wrong, our job is to make it safe. Our job is to protect the public health."

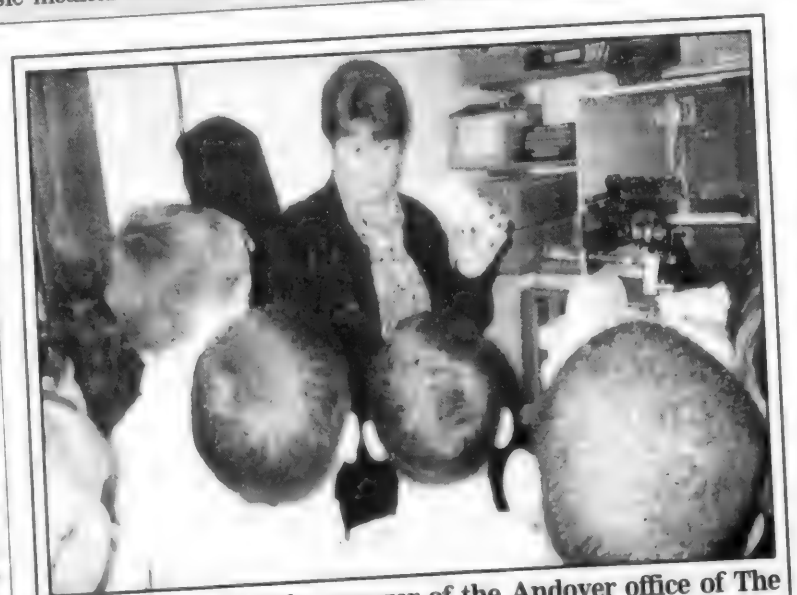
Local named NAWCC head

Time for Frishman

Bob Frishman of Andover has been chosen president of New England Chapter 8 of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. He was elected at the group's recent chapter meeting, held in Sturbridge.

Frishman begins a two-year term leading the 700-member association. He previously served as treasurer and vice-president in charge of educational programs. "While ours is one of the NAWCC's oldest and biggest chapters, we need to work harder to publicize our activities. Nobody who is interested in clocks and watches in New England should be able to claim that he or she has never heard of us," Frishman said in a press release.

Frishman, 49, is owner of Bell-Time Clocks in Andover. He has repaired, restored and sold antique timepieces since 1980. He also worked for 10 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, and for another 10 years he ran his family's furniture-manufacturing business in Lawrence.



Paula Evans, branch manager of the Andover office of The Savings Bank, talks with third-grade students in Megan Campbell's class at St. Augustine School during a recent visit to the bank. The students, along with parent volunteers and Campbell, are participating in the "City Works and Business Works" portion of the Junior Achievement Program. Their visit to the bank featured a behind-the-scenes look at a business within the community.

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Sports

Only a brief taste of tournament action for Golden Warriors

By Rick Harrison

The stay was all too short and none too sweet for the Andover High boys varsity basketball team, which was ousted from the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament with a 58-48 first-round loss to visiting Waltham Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

It marks the earliest tourney exit for a Golden Warrior boys hoop team since 1996-'97 when Cambridge Rindge & Latin eliminated Andover 60-54 in the opening round.

Coach Dave Fazio's squad appeared to have things well in hand with a 14-point lead late in the first half, but Waltham switched to a zone defense and the game turned in the Hawks' favor shortly thereafter.

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Elsewhere, contributing strong individual efforts for AHS in recent State Meets were trackman Tim Galebach and swimmers Sean Geary and Steve Graham (details below).

INDOOR TRACK

Standout miler Tim Galebach was the only Andover High athlete to score points at the annual All-State Indoor Track Championship Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Galebach finished third in the mile run, with his 4:23.10 time eclipsing the longstanding school record set in 1980 by Rich Jennings.

The AHS distance ace trailed only winner Josh Palazola of Gloucester (state-record 4:14.85) and runner-up Rich Downing of St. John's of Shrewsbury (4:20.45).

Galebach nudged past fourth and fifth place finishers Chris Rigali of Holyoke and Mike Piche of Silver Lake Regional (4:23.25) by a split second.

His six points enabled Andover to finish 26th in the team standings.

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Several other AHS athletes competed, Bruce Brown finishing 12th in the long jump (20 feet), Ogechi Ibe 21st in the girls shot put (29'5 1/2"), Sheena Patel 10th in the 55-meter hurdles (9.09), Stephanie Pierce 19th in the hurdles (9.44), the boys 4x200 sprint relay eighth (1:35.20) and the girls 4x800 relay 16th in 10:20.07.

Schedule

Galebach will next compete in the annual season-ending New England Championship Meet this Saturday at the Lewis Center.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team will be aiming at a second straight state title this Saturday when it competes in the annual All-State Team Championship at Foxboro High (6 p.m.).

The two-time reigning North Sectional champs will join Beverly, Woburn, North Andover and the top four South Sectional teams in the eight-school meet.

Coach Julie Chapman's crew has won every meet it has entered the past two years, going 18-0 in duals and winning two Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meets, two North Sectionals and an All-State.

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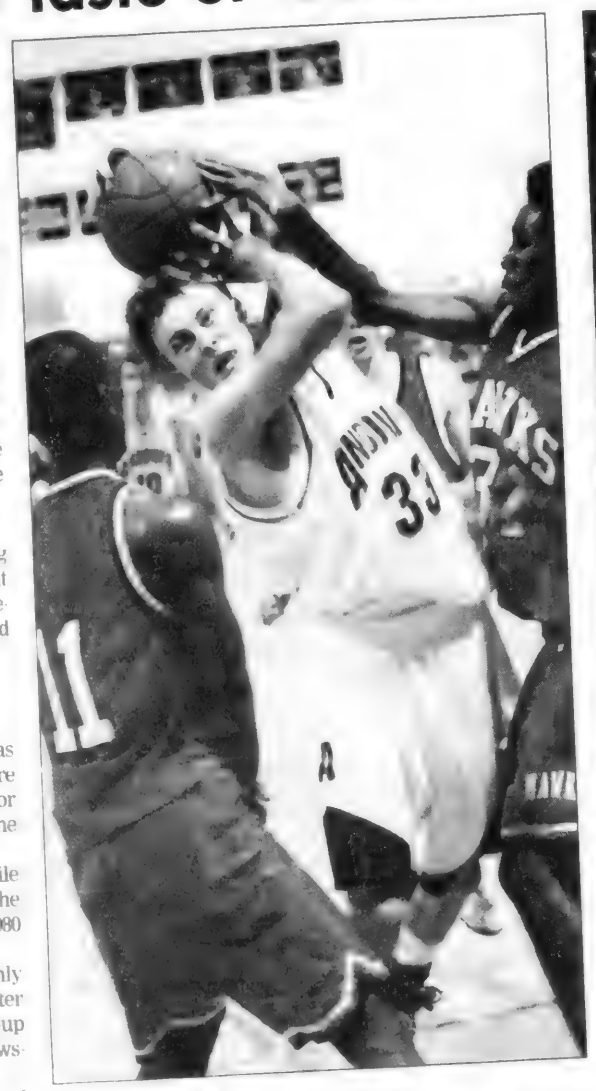
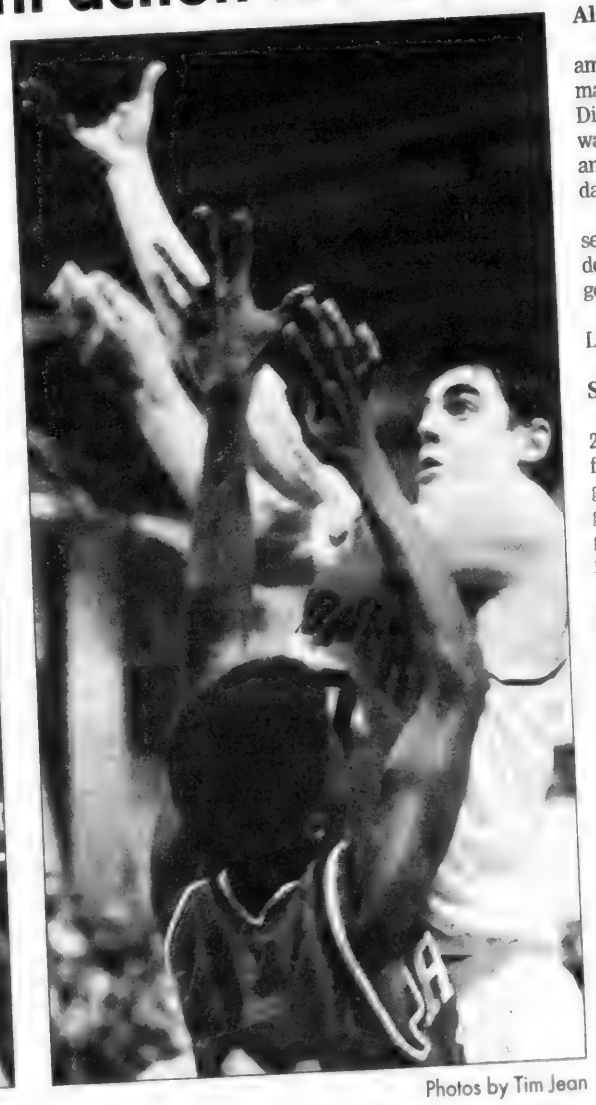
The All-State Individual Championships on Saturday, March 10 at Lincoln-Sudbury High will wrap up the season.

AHS qualifiers for that prestigious event are Kristin Elsmore and Becky Hass, both as all-arounds, Sheri Bernstein (balance beam, uneven bars) and Renee Fung (bars.)





Photos by Tim Jean

Despite the Warriors' best efforts – including Kevin Shepard (left photo) and Bruno Zanotti, the Warriors are out of the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament after losing 58-48 to visiting Waltham. Kevin Shepard and Bruno Zanotti shared the first round's game-high scoring honors for Andover with 15 points each.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

As expected, the Andover High girls were seeded second behind Somerville in the annual single-elimination Division 1 North Tournament.

As the No. 2 seed in a 13-team field, the Lady Warriors received a first-round bye and jumped ahead to the quarterfinal round.

Coach Jim Tildsley's squad will open play Saturday night at home in the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.), facing the winner of the Brighton at Waltham game played last night after Townsman presstime.

Waltham entered the game as the No. 7 seed at 13-5, while Brighton was 11-8 and seeded No. 10.

The Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champs are 19-2 overall.

AHS has won 29 of its last 32 games, including tournament play dating back to the middle of last season.

Scoring leaders

After 21 games, Jenny Muller leads the parade with 316 points (15.0 average). Lisa Tisbert has 242 points, Megan Pinksten 230, Ashley McLaughlin 149 and Shannon Sweeney 132.

Tisbert now has 648 career points and Muller 627.

Muller honored

Sophomore guard Jenny Muller is the latest recipient of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight Award.

"Jenny is obviously a very key player on this team," said coach Jim Tildsley. "She runs our offense from the point-guard position. She is our leading scorer but is also a very team-oriented player.

"She does a lot of things well on the basketball court and she has put together another great season.

"Jenny and the whole team are now looking forward to the playoffs," concluded Tilldsley.

ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity hockey team opens play in the single-elimination MIAA Division 2 North Tournament tomorrow night (Friday) when the locals face Peabody in a first round game at the Chelmsford Forum (6 p.m.).

AHS (12-5-3) is seeded No. 7 in a 15-school field while Peabody is seeded No. 10 and carries an 11-9-0 record into the game.

The winner advances to the quarterfinal round.

The Forum is located in Billerica, on the Chelmsford line, at the junctions of Rtes. 129 and 3.

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Recently the Golden Warriors wrapped up their best regular season since 1992-'93 when they dropped a 3-2 decision to Amesbury in the Newburyport Bank Classic Fournier Division championship game at the Graf Rink.

The close loss snapped a six-game unbeaten streak (4-0-2) and left the Golden Warriors at 12-5-3 overall, the exact record they finished with eight years ago.

Two of the locals' five losses came by one goal and two others by two goals.

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Coach Bill Cullen continues a steady march to win No. 100 at Andover, his career record now 96-82-25.

All-Conference

Three Andover players were among the nine selected to the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 All-Conference team which was announced during the league's annual All-Star tripleheader last Sunday.

Golden Warriors named were senior forward Dennis Moran, junior defenseman Tim LeGrow and junior goaltender Mike Thompson.

It marks the second straight year LeGrow has been honored.

Scoring leaders

Dennis Moran leads the way after 20 games with 17 goals and 16 assists for 33 points. Steve Johnson has 10 goals and 10 assists, Mike Corey eight goals and 12 assists, Jon Ofria four goals, 15 assists and Peter Burbank five goals, 12 assists.

NEWBURYPORT BANK CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Amesbury 3
Andover 2

John Ronan (first of the season) and defenseman Tim LeGrow netted the goals in the first and third periods for AHS, which fell behind for good when Amesbury pumped in two second-period goals.

Dennis Moran, Steve Johnson, Jon Ofria and LeGrow had the assists for the locals, while goaltender Mike Thompson made 26 saves and the Fighting Indians finished with a slim 29-28 shooting edge.

Andover reached the title game with a 3-1 semifinal win over North Reading.

BOYS BASKETBALL

A Division 1 North finalist last year, Andover was projected by many as the possible tournament darkhorse this time around because the locals had played one of the toughest schedules in the state with the likes of non-leaguers Brockton, Charlestown and Holy Name of Worcester.

But Waltham never gave the AHS overachievers, who put together a 14-8 season despite the absence of school career scoring leader Tom McLaughlin, a chance to prove the prognosticators correct.

The 58-48 win by the No. 10 seed Hawks brought the season to a grinding halt.

But after the disappointment disappears AHS has to be happy with what it accomplished without McLaughlin.

Had McLaughlin been healthy there is no telling how far the locals could have gone.

Coach Fazio completes the season with 188 career wins and a 188-81 overall won-lost record.

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Prior to the tourney game, Andover was unable to repeat as Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champ when Central Catholic pinned a 72-53 defeat on the Golden Warriors in the regular season finale for both teams.

Central, cast in the role of spoiler, gave an Academy Award-winning performance.

The loss denied AHS a share of its

AHS ROUNDUP

second straight conference title and what would have been the fifth in head coach Dave Fazio's 12-year tenure.

The locals finished at 10-3 in MVC play, tied for second with Central in Division 1 and one game behind Haverhill (11-2).

The most damaging loss of the season came right at the start when Andover dropped a 59-54 decision to Division 2 Dracut in the opener.

Scoring leaders

Sweet-shooting freshman guard Chris Vetrano led the team this season with 414 points in 22 games, while Paraguayan exchange student Bruno Zanotti had 323 and Kevin Shepard 273.

Senior players

Graduation will take a heavy toll on the Golden Warriors as seven seniors, including four starters, have played their final game in an Andover uniform.

The seniors are Kevin Shepard, Bruno Zanotti, Geordie Miliotis, Chris Caverly, Andy Carter, Mike Byrne and Tom McLaughlin.

MIAA TOURNAMENT
FIRST ROUND
Waltham 58
Andover 48

The Golden Warriors took charge at the outset and seemed to have things well in hand, moving to a 31-17 lead late in the first half.

But Waltham closed out the period with a 12-0 run, highlighted by six straight free throws from Brian Belliveau, to trim the difference to 31-29 at the break.

The Hawks inched ahead early in the second half, maintained a lead that fluctuated between two and six points, and then increased the final spread to 10 by converting free throws in the closing minutes.

Kevin Shepard and Bruno Zanotti shared game-high scoring honors for Andover with 15 points each, while Shepard added four steals, five assists and Zanotti had nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

Freshman Chris Vetrano netted 10 points in his first MIAA Tournament game, and rounding out the scoring were Geordie Miliotis with five points, Matt Withington three and Pat Stockwood two.

Waltham countered with game-high performances by Luis Ortiz and Belliveau who finished with 20 and 17 points respectively.

Tom Glynn added nine points and Sean Hoar eight for the winners, who held a 16-10 scoring edge at the free throw line.

Andover's 17 points in the final 16 minutes marked its lowest scoring half of the season.

The 48 points were the third lowest output of the season behind a 40-point Christmas Tournament game against Central Catholic and a 47-point production versus Holy Name.

Central Catholic 72
Andover 53

The host Raiders, who split two previous games with Andover this season, never gave AHS much of a chance.

Central led 36-23 at the half, and when the Golden Warriors were forced to foul late in the game CCHS kept them at bay by scoring its final 15 points from the free throw line.

Chris Vetrano once again had the hottest hand for Andover with a game-high 22 points, while Bruno Zanotti also cracked double figures with 12.

Kevin Shepard tossed in nine points, Geordie Miliotis five, Pat Stockwood three and Chris Caverly converted two free throws.

Sophomore forward Tom Sipsey, who nailed five three-pointers, finished with 20 points for Central.

Ray Nunez came close to a triple-double with 13 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists, while Joel Gil had nine points and 13 boards.

Mike Novak, Dan O'Shea and Darren Shaw added eight points each for the winners.

Both teams were busy at the free throw line, Andover converting 17-of-25 foul shots and Central 23-of-33.

It was the second most lopsided loss of the season, next to the 25-point 72-47 setback to once-beaten Division 1 Central Tournament top seed Holy Name Academy of Worcester.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Andover finished 18th in a 23-school field at the annual season-ending All-State Division 1 Championship Meet held at Northeastern University's Barletta Natatorium.

Freshman Sean Geary had the top individual finish with a seventh in the 500 freestyle (5:00.49).

Steve Graham scored in two events, placing eighth in the 100 backstroke (58.03) and 12th in the 200 IM (2:07.65).

3 to compete in Bay State Girls Gymnastics Championships

Three Andover girls will compete in the upcoming fifth annual Bay State Classic Invitational Girls Gymnastics Championships scheduled this weekend (March 2-4) at the Lowell High School Riddick Memorial Field House.

Katie Infantine, a seventh grader at West Middle School, will compete at Level 8.

Marisa Caliri, a seventh-grader at West Middle who also holds a brown belt in kung fu, will compete at Level 5.

Emily Benham, a sixth-grader at Sanborn Elementary School, will compete at Level 4.

The region's biggest gymnastics meet will include more than 600 gymnasts from 29 clubs throughout the Northeast area competing in Levels 4 through 10.

They will be going for the gold on the uneven bars, balance beam and in vault and floor exercise.

Levels 7 and 8 will compete Saturday at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m., while Levels 4 and 5 are in competition Sunday at 9 a.m.

Admission price per session is $7 for adults and $3 for seniors and children under 12.

Task Force is striving for balance

their friends," said outspoken task force member Annette Grams. Parents in the room vigorously assented, and then she said, "But we can't do that everywhere."

In particular, some parents are upset because they have children in third grade this year who will be starting fifth grade in 2002, and some of these children may be redistricted to a new elementary school for only one year before going on to middle school, making a change of three schools in three years. Some parents have asked whether there will be any "grandfathering" provisions that would allow students starting fifth grade in 2002 to remain with their classmates for that year if they would otherwise be separated from them.

The School Committee representative on the task force, Gerald Gustus, has said that such decisions are outside the purview of the Redistricting Task Force and will have to be considered by the School Committee and the school administration when those officials consider all the redistricting options in April.

Gustus said that grandfathering some students might be a possibility, as long as everybody doesn't ask to be grandfathered. He surmised that the larger the number of requests, the harder it would be to grant them.

"I don't believe that we could run six or seven sections of fifth grade in each of the four elementary schools that exist now, and have none in the new school," said Gustus. "You just will not have rooms to hold 100-percent grandfathered kids."

He said the reason that would not be possible is that Andover elementary schools are so overcrowded that many of them have taken over spaces like art rooms and music rooms for regular classes, and schools are expecting to be able to reclaim those spaces in 2002.

"That's the face of overcrowding in our schools now," said Gustus.

At Monday night's meeting, task force member Grams further responded to parental concerns by saying, "The positive side of this is that I'd rather have my child redistricted than subjected to overcrowding." One resident agreed.

"I agree that it's better to be redistricted and relieve the crowding, rather than have the kids stay with their friends and be overcrowded," said Martha Hyslip of Somerset Drive. She said she has a child currently in fifth grade who is likely to spend one year at West Middle School next year before being redistricted to the new middle school.

"They are definitely trying," Hyslip said of the task force members. "They're taking pains. They do listen to people."

Kim McAvinchey of Crescent Drive was less satisfied.

"I heard Ms. Grams say repeatedly tonight that their goal was to keep neighborhoods together," she said. "But they're not keeping neighborhoods together."

She also felt that the task force does not consider suggestions from the public seriously enough.

"Why are the meetings even open?" she asked. "Isn't that their job, to consider all the options?"

The final two Redistricting Task Force meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the School Committee room, above the senior center. On Wednesday, April 4, the task force plans to make a townwide presentation of all elementary- and middle-school redistricting options in the Doherty Middle School auditorium from 7 to 10 p.m. On April 10, the School Committee will be formally presented with the options, and will vote on a final redistricting plan on May 8.

Transitioning to high school is topic of Doherty PAC meeting tonight

A representative group of students from the Andover High School will serve as a panel to discuss the transition from middle school to the high school at the next Doherty Middle School PAC meeting tonight, Thursday, March 1, at 7 in the McGrail Media Center at DMS.

Both parents and students, particularly current eight grade families, are invited to attend to hear from the guest panel and to ask questions. A brief business meeting of the PAC will follow with updates by committees, the principal and assistant principal.

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To **Kelly A. Geis, Trustee of the Marikepa Family Trust** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Federal National Mortgage Association claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 12 Longwood Drive, Unit 8, Andover Gardens Condominium given by Mary P. Martin individually and as Trustee of the Marikepa Family Trust to Commonwealth Mortgage Company, Inc., dated June 16, 1989, and registered with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 47164 as noted on Certificate of Title No. U-214 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 26th day of March 2001 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 9th day of February 2001.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder

March 1, 2001

PUBLIC HEARING

ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH

The Andover board of Health will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, March 5, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA for the purpose of receiving public comment and input relative to the proposed regulations "Andover Board of Health Rules and Regulations For Body Art, Establishment and Practitioners". The proposed regulations are summarized as follows:

Section

1. Purpose
2. Authority
3. Definitions
4. Exemptions
5. Restrictions
6. Operation of Body Art Establishments
7. Standards of Practice
8. Exposure Incident Report
9. Injury Report
10. Complaints
11. Application for Body Art Establishment Permit
12. Application for Body Art Practitioner Permit
13. Grounds for Denial of Permit, Revocation of Permit or Refusal to Renew Permit
14. Grounds for Suspension of Permit
15. Procedure for Hearings
16. Severability
17. Fine for Violation
18. Non-criminal Disposition
19. Effective Date

Copies of the full text of the proposed Regulations are available at the Offices of the Board of Health, Department of Community Development and Planning, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA.

BY: Douglas Dunbar
Chairman
Andover Board of Health

March 1, 2001

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DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 01P0276-AD1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF **ANGELINA BARONE**

To all persons interested in the estate of ANGELINA BARONE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 18, 2001

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that JOANNE PAOLINO of Methuen in the County of Essex be appointed administratrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 2, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date February 23, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 1, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
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DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 01P0428-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF **CARL M. GAHAN, JUNIOR otherwise known as CARL M. GAHAN**

To all persons interested in the estate of CARL M. GAHAN, JUNIOR, otherwise known as CARL M. GAHAN late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 20, 2001

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that certain instruments be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by FLEET NATIONAL BANK of Boston in the County of Suffolk, praying that they be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on their bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON March 26, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date February 22, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 1, 2001

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James G. Cataldo and Nancy K. Smith to Equi-Financial, L.P. dated September 25, 1998 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 5194, Page 307, of which mortgage Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Custodian or Trustee is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 A.M. on March 23, 2001, on the mortgaged premises located 12 Bowdoin Road Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 14, Bowdoin Road as shown on plan of land entitled "Section No. 3, Shawsheen Heights, Andover, Mass, Loretta Cairns, Owner, Ralph H Brasseur, engineer, dated April, 1957, recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 3503. Said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY 125 feet by lot numbered 13 as shown on said plan;

EASTERLY 120 feet by lot numbered 9 and part of lot numbered 8 as shown on said plan;

SOUTHERLY 125 feet by lot numbered 15 as shown on said plan; and

WESTERLY 120 feet by Bowdoin Road.

Containing 15,000 sq. ft. according to said plan.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4804, Page 108.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Ablitt, Caruolo & De Pasquale, LLP, 333 North Avenue, 4th Floor, Wakefield, MA 01880 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.

Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as
Custodian or Trustee
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
Susan J. Lynch, Esq.
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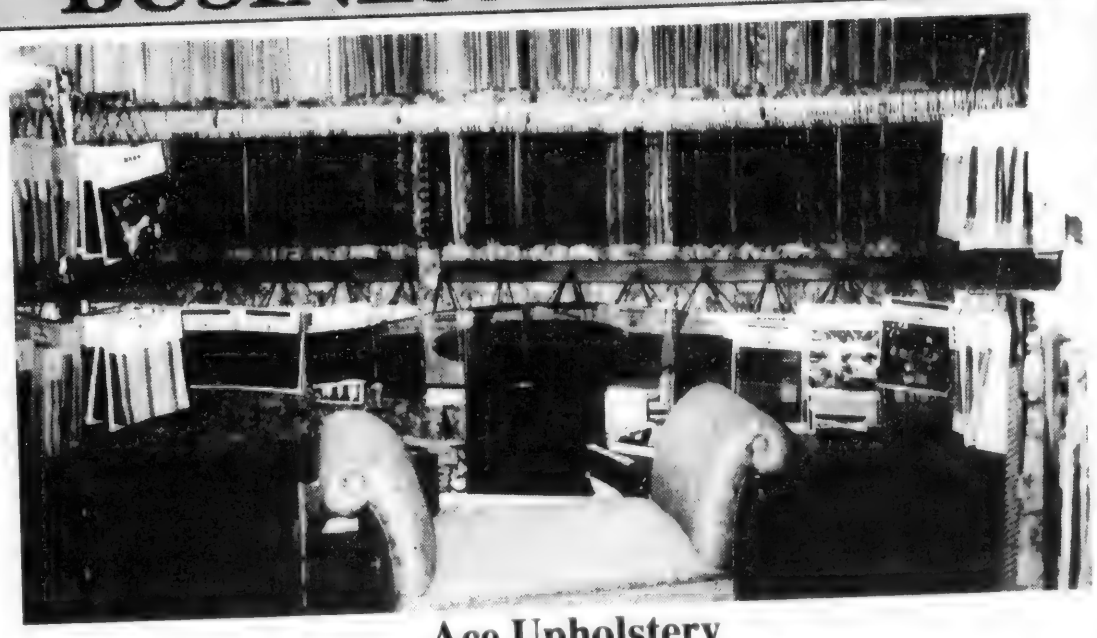

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Connors' final shot nets her 1,000th point

Our Lady of Nazareth Academy (Wakefield) senior center Kristin Connors of Andover led her tournament-bound girls basketball team to a resounding 44-22 win over Fellowship Christian Academy of Methuen recently.

Kristin Connors

She accounted for more than 80 percent of her team's offense with a career-high 36-point outburst, and Connors' final free throw in the last minute of play was the 1,000th point of her high school career.

The milestone occurred on Senior Day, the final regular season home game, and the win capped a 12-8 campaign for head coach Lisa Reynolds' Lady Dragons and team captain Connors.

The three-time Catholic Conference All-Star is averaging 16.6 points heading into the MIAA Tournament.

Nazareth, seeded No. 10 in a 15-team Division 4 North tourney field, opened play yesterday (after *Townsman* presstime) against No. 7 seed Mt. Alvernia (10-6) at the Catholic Memorial High gym in West Roxbury.

Pee Wee A's are District 2 champs

The Andover Pee Wee A youth hockey team won the Massachusetts District 2 championship with a gritty 1-0 victory in a marathon title game that took five sudden-death overtime periods to complete.

Matt Colby scored the winning goal and Sarah Christopher posted the shutout to highlight a triumph that qualified Andover for the State Tournament on Cape Cod.

The team is pictured immediately following its title-game win. Standing (from left) are: Emily Schwarz, Christopher Seero, Matt Colby, Greg Carroll, Mike Lamagna, John Penny, Mike Sannella and Paul Malaguti. Seated: Brian Burns, Joey Benedix, Alex Vendola, Chris Browne, Phil Kim and Austin Gilbert. Seated in front is goaltender Sarah Christopher, who stopped every puck that came her way through three periods of regulation and the five sudden-death stanzas.

Coaches said the team is having an excellent season that has included wins over traditional hockey powers Arlington, Billerica, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, Wilmington, Woburn, the Manchester N.H. Flames and Seacoast Spartans.

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Permanent Waves Unisex Salon is moving to new quarters on Main Street in North Andover on Tues. March 6. Customers of this popular full hair and skin care salon will appreciate the convenient parking and easy accessibility to I495 at the new location. Known for their expert hair styling, facials, and other beauty treatments, owner Katie Natasha Gallagher and her staff brighten the shop with their warmth and friendliness.

Katie, along with Diane Gaiero and Mary Joyce, are all Matrix certified in the most current perming, coloring, cutting, and styling techniques. When you choose to color or highlight your hair, their quality products and skill guarantee it will glow with new life. **Permanent Waves** is welcoming new customers with a hair coloring special of $40 for color and cut without blow dry.

Facials are one of the most popular beauty treatments at **Permanent Waves**. Choose from European, aroma therapy, back, enzyme mask, or exfoliating facials. A basic half-hour facial is also available. You may want to consider the six session package of glycolic acid treatments, which will help tone and exfoliate facial skin, benefiting those with blemishes, shallow scars, wrinkles, or mild sun-damaged skin. Student facials are now being offered for $25.

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The new address for **Permanent Waves Unisex Salon** is 46 Main St., North Andover. Look for it on the right a block before Sutton St. Call (978) 686-5047 for an appointment or free consultation. Walk-ins are welcome.

Joan Browne 3/1/01

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LEGAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of AVIS will be held at the Andover Country Club on tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Poland at 475-6159.

March 1, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No. 358550
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of MARY DRISCOLL O'BRIEN, otherwise known as MARY D. O'BRIEN late of Andover, Essex County.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the eighth to fourteenth account(s) inclusive, of FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY as Trustee (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of FREDRIC S. O'BRIEN have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twenty-sixth day of March, 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

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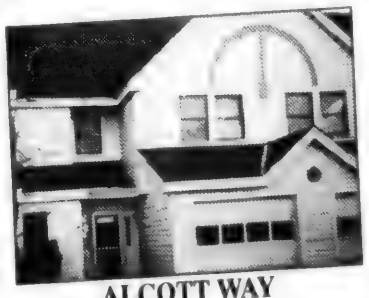

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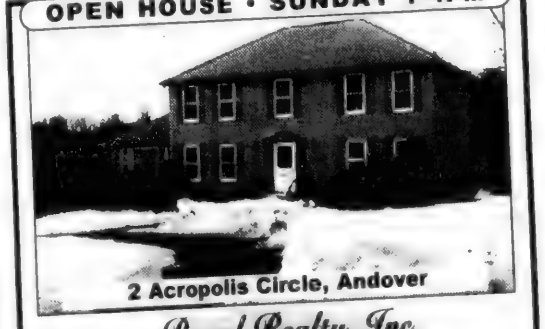

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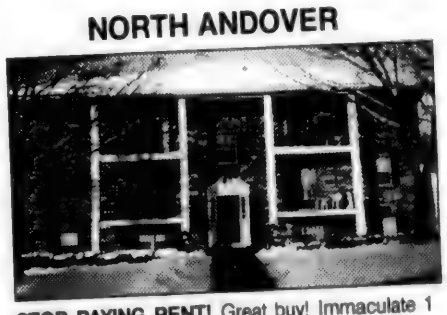

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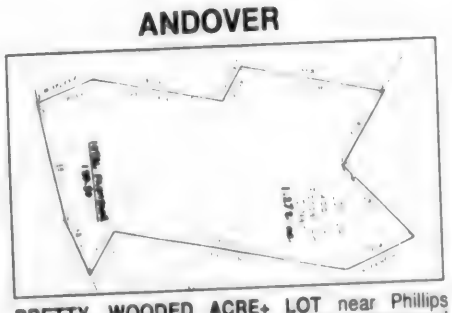

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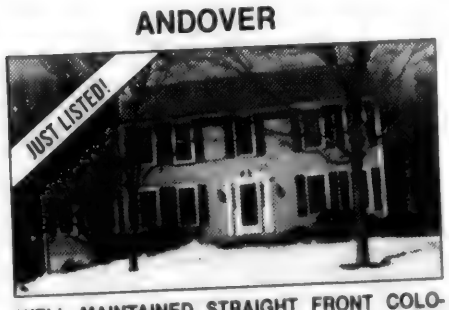

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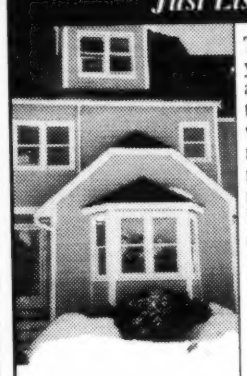

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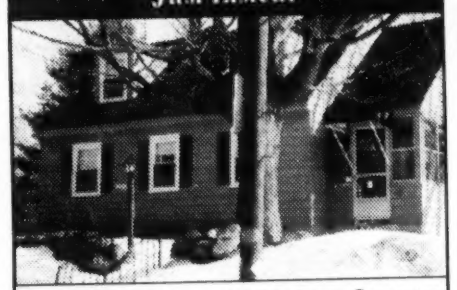

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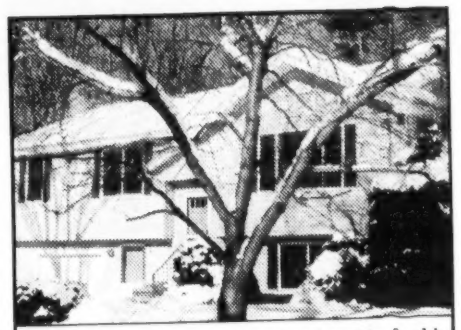

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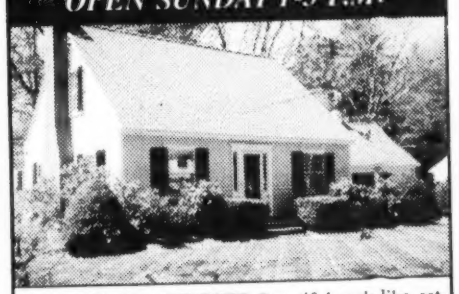

JUST LISTED! ANDOVER Beautiful park-like setting! Updated light and bright 3 bedroom Cape with flexible floor plan, built-ins and fireplace in living room, 1.5 baths, sun room, 2 car garage. Exceptional lot and location! Dir: Lowell St. to 18 Chandler Circle.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $439,900**

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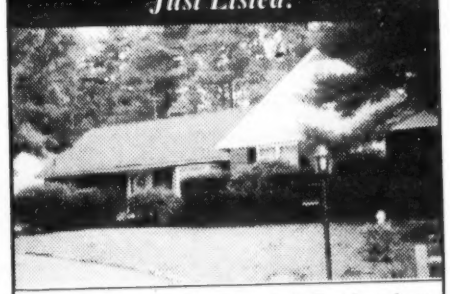

ANDOVER Charming custom built Ranch on beautiful low maintenance half acre. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, living room with fireplace and built-ins, formal dining room opens to sun room, breezeway and 2 car garage. Convenient to town.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $449,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 P.M.

NORTH ANDOVER Impressive custom Contemporary Ranch with 3,000 sq. ft. of living space! Marble fireplace, skylights, office with private entrance, 3-4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, beautiful yard with gardens! Dir: Johnson St. to 60 Johnson Circle.
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NORTH ANDOVER Spacious 8 room Colonial home situated on a 4 acre lot in neighborhood setting. Cathedral ceiling fireplaced family room, 3.5 baths, 3 cedar closets, and 3 additional rooms in the finished lower level are just a few of the amenities.
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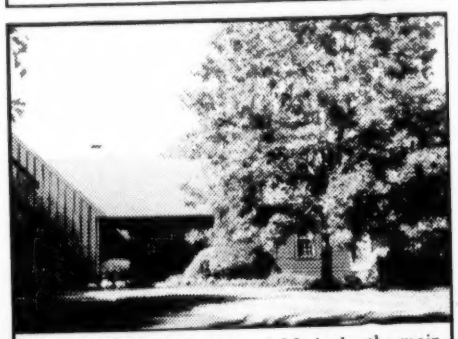

NORTH ANDOVER Unique! Meticulously maintained custom Cape loaded with charm. Features include hardwood floors, crown moldings, 2 fireplaces, 3 season porch, manicured lot with inground pool and an in-law apartment over the 2 car garage.
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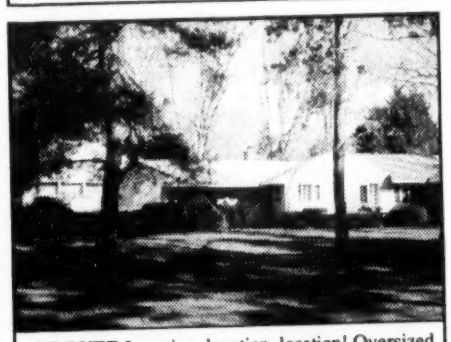

ANDOVER Location, location, location! Oversized 8 room Ranch located walking distance to Phillips Academy and Pike School. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, 4 spacious bedrooms, family room plus screened porch.
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ANDOVER Privacy! Bright, fresh and updated 9 room Tudor home on private 2.71 acre lot on low traffic cul-de-sac. Magnificent 20'x24' cathedral ceiling sun room, new hardwood floors, kitchen with new applianced and Corian counters. Ready to move right in!
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TOPSFIELD Exceptional Classic Colonial home featuring an excellent floor plan, 5 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 fireplaces and wonderful expansion potential over the 3 car garage. Nearly one acre of tree studded privacy!
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ANDOVER Young and gracious brick front Colonial beautifully sited on a knoll and featuring a close to town location. Beautiful kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and granite counters opens to fireplaced family room. Gleaming hardwood floors.
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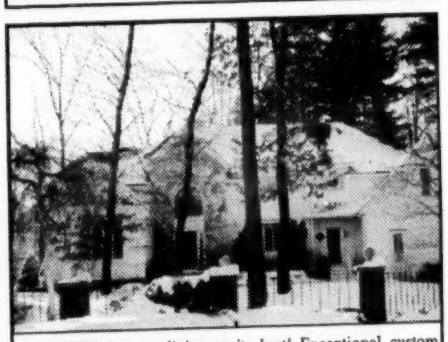

ANDOVER Luxury living at its best! Exceptional custom Contemporary home with over 5,300 sq. ft. of living area overlooking the 17th and 18th fairway at Indian Ridge Country Club. All the bells and whistles are found in this home including "Smarthouse" electrical panel. Call for particulars.
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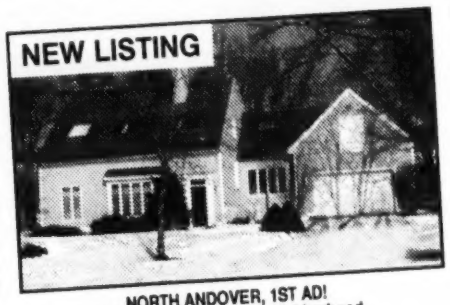
ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
Near Phillips Academy and downtown
Front to back frplcd living rm
kitchen w/breakfast room
master w/FP ~ gracious foyer
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car detached
Another new listing by Doug Howe x229
dhowe@andoverliving.com $619,900

ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
Adorable Cape ~ views of Haggetts Pond
7 rm ~ 3+ BR ~ 2 car detached
set back on private acre lot
fireplaced living room ~ cozy den
enclosed porch ~ nice yard
Another new listing by Janice Furey x246
jfurey@andoverliving.com ~ $299,900

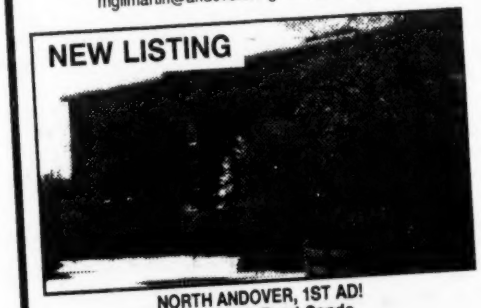


NORTH ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
Walk to school - family neighborhood
Spectacular open floor plan
liv rm opens 3 stories w/skylit roof
Huge eat-in kitchen w/lg ctr island
8 rm ~ 3 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car attached
Another new listing by Nick Geranios x121
ngerianos@andoverliving.com $429,900

ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
Charming Shawsheen Cape
5 rm ~ 2 BR ~ 1.5 BA ~ detached garage
charming built-ins ~ FP liv rm
newer kitchen ~ fin rm in bsmnt
lg screened porch ~ beaut level yard
A new listing by Joanne Breau x202
jbreau@andoverliving.com $319,900

NORTH ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
Multi-level showplace shines!
Desirable Alcott Village Townhouse
sunken frplcd liv w/wetbar
Euro kit sparkles ~ priv backyard views
5 rm ~ 2 lg BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ loft
Another new listing by Mary Gilmartin x248
mgilmartin@andoverliving.com $299,900

BRADFORD, 1ST AD!
Persimmon Wood Heights Colonial
seasonal views of golf course & ski slope
beautifully appointed & custom thruout
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~2 car attached
VRM 38 Seller to consider $339,900 - $398,876
A new listing by Vanessa Nysten x245
vnysten@andoverliving.com

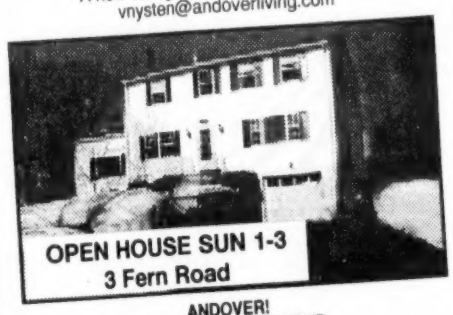


NORTH ANDOVER, 1ST AD!
2 BR Sutton Pond Condo
nice bright end unit on first floor
5 rm ~ 2 BR ~ 1.5 BA ~ storage
fuly appliance kit w/break bar
washer & dryer in unit
Another new listing by Vanessa Nysten x245
vnysten@andoverliving.com $145,900

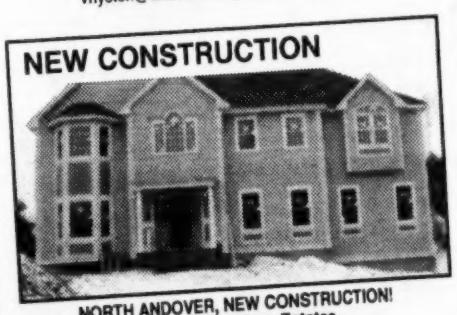
A Wynwood Custom Built Home

Picture perfect home in highly sought after exclusive area enjoys a prime location in Andover with its close proximity to Phillips Academy and the Pike School set beautifully on a private cul-de-sac. The interior is elegant, sophisticated and comfortable while boasting 5300+ square feet of living space. Additional features include a bridal staircase, barrel ceiling, leaded glass, custom tile, marble, custom Scandia kitchen, top of the line appliances, fluted columns, immense formal dining and living rooms, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car attached, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, French doors, and finished lower level perfect for au pair suite. **$1,250,000**

A new listing by Amy L. Sebell x236 amy@amysebell.com
Take virtual tour #084 of this home at www.andoverliving.com



ANDOVER!
VIEWS OF FOSTER POND
Colonial set on private 2+ acres
spectacular cath ceiling great room
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ super kit
pool ~ patio ~ deck
A listing by Dick Barrett x131 ~ $489,000
dbarrett@andoverliving.com



NORTH ANDOVER, NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Desirable Heritage Estates
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Crown molding, granite, oak flrs, 2FP
3200-3400+ GLA ~ $675,000 - $750,000
Another listing by Sue Papalia x130
spapalia@andoverliving.com

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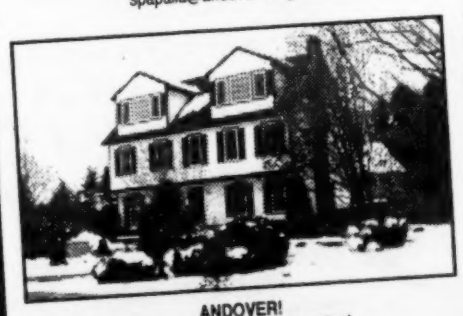
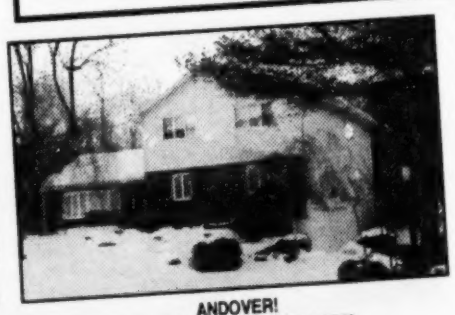
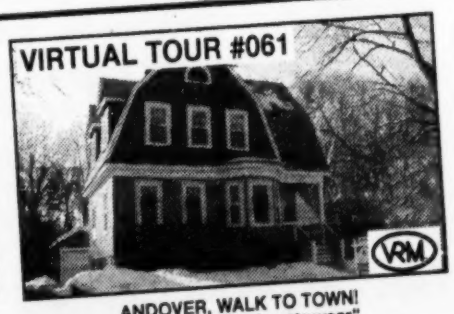
private acre plus lot ~ move-in cond
updated lg kit w/oak cabs & eating area
frplcd fam rm ~ sunrm ~ 1st flr laundry
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car gar
formal liv w/HW & vaulted ceiling
A listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com $509,900



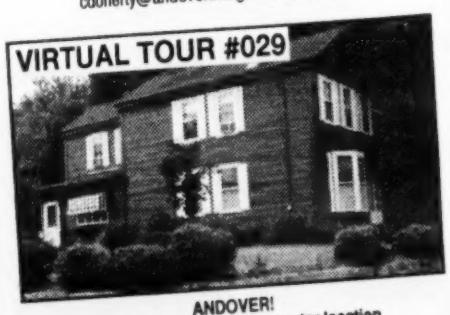
ANDOVER!
Better than new construction!
Garrison Colonial on private cul-de-sac
Estate landscaping ~ multi-level decks w/spa
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 3.5 BA ~ 2 car under
"top of the line" & custom throughout
A listing by Doug Howe x229
dhowe@andoverliving.com $599,900



ANDOVER!
Colonial w/loads of living space
beautiful acre plus lot ~ landscaped grounds
large tiled foyer ~ 3 fireplaces
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3700 sq ft
banquet size din rm ~ 2400 sq ft in low lev
A listing by Beth Poulo x221
bpoulo@andoverliving.com $599,900



ANDOVER, WALK TO TOWN!
"Real charmer of yesteryear"
Terrific neighborhood ~ 8 rm Dutch Colonial
3/4 bedrooms ~ detached gar w/new roof
new windows ~ new porch
abuts town conservation land ~
Another listing by The Moody Team x251
VRM 34 range $279,900 - $318,876



ANDOVER!
South School ~ great commuter location
inground pool ~ patio ~ screened house
charming kitchen w/breakfast nook
8 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ security system
new roof and replacement windows
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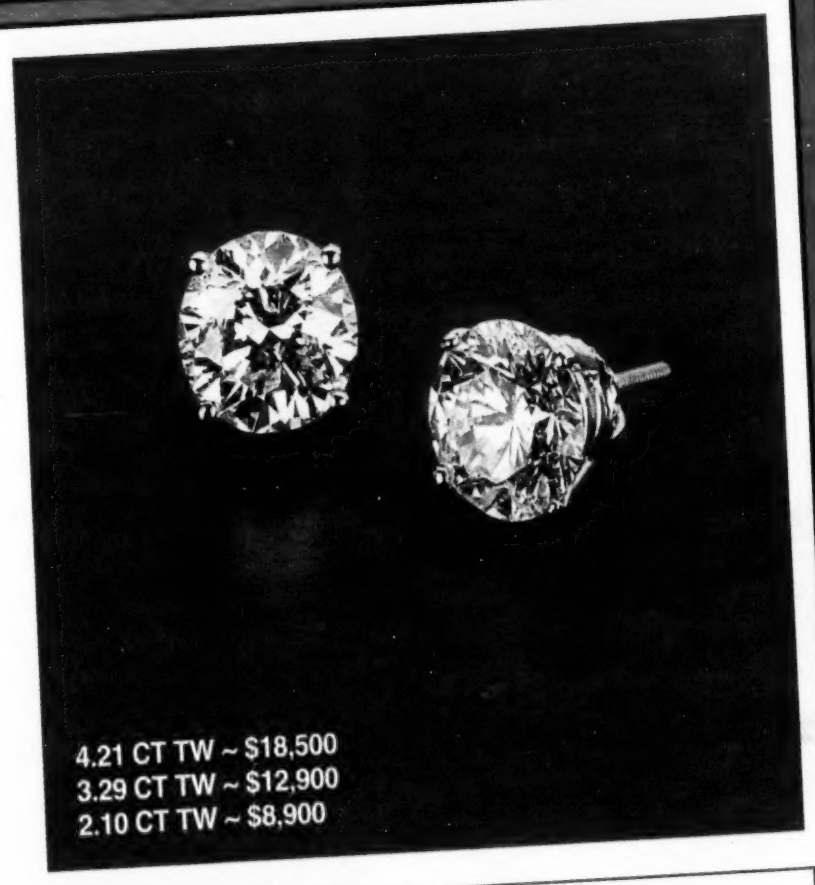

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